WEATHER.

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PRESIDENT DISCUSSES THE PEACE SITUATION WITH SENATOR STONE

They Spend Hour Together, Going Over Various Phases of Nation's Foreign Affairs.

CONFERENCE AT CAPITOL

No Further Formal Action by the United States on Peace Move is in Sight at Present.

IS NO INCREASE IN HOPE

Mr. Wilson Not Believed to be Seeking Action by Congress.

Washington, Jan. 11. — President Wilson late today went to the capitol and spent an hour discussing the country's foreign affairs with Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations committee. Their talk covered a wide range, but it is understood that much of the time was devoted to the situation growing out of the Entente reply to the peace proposals of the Central Powers, which the President had been studying during the day.

No Further Action in Sight.

Aside from transmitting the Entente note to Germany and her allies, the United States will take no further formal action in the peace movement, at least until the Entente governments have replied to the communication of President Wilson addressed to them. If the notes to the Teutonic nations have been forwarded tonight the State Department did not disclose this fact, although it had been officially stated that it would be dispatched as soon as checking for errors in cable transmission could be completed.

Cable reports from Paris announcing that the Entente answer to President Wilson had been prepared and would be the same in effect as that to the belligerents, did not increase hope here for a favorable outcome of the negotiations. It is known that the German embassy believes that unless the note to President Wilson opens the door for a further advance by its government, the war will go on another year, at least.

So far as could be learned, the President, during his visit today to Senator Stone, sought no action from Congress relating to the peace movement. Afterward, however, it was learned that administration leaders in the Senate were preparing to sound sentiment on resolutions introduced just before the holiday adjournment which would declare it to be the sense of the Senate that the action of the President in addressing his note to the belligerent powers represented "the overwhelming public sentiment and earnest desires of the people of the United States."

Senator Hitchcock submitted two resolutions on the subject on successive days, one of which was referred to the committee on Foreign Relations, and the other permitted to lie on the Senate table where it is in order to be called up for action tomorrow. It is understood that the President would like to have it assured that the resolution, if pressed, would not be rejected.

Senator Stone tonight conferred with Senator Hitchcock regarding a resolution now on the table, and urgeod him to ask tomorrow that it lie over for a day, in order that there might be a conference of senators on both sides of the chamber regarding it.

Stone Favors Resolution

Senator Stone frankly stated that he was heartily in favor of adopting the resolution and that friends of the President generally believed that an official endorsement of his action from the Senate would be advisable.

Senator Hitchcock will confer with the Foreign Relations committee on the matter again tomorrow morning before the Senate meets. It will then be determined whether to press for immediate action or to permit a day's delay.

The President, it was learned, discussed many phases of foreign problems with Senator Stone, including the Mexican situation.

No Supplementary Note

During the day an explanation was obtained from official sources of the previously mysterious clause in the note from Spain to the United States referring to another communication from the American government suggesting that the time was opportune for Spain to co-operate with the United States.

It was learned authoritatively that no note was sent to neutral nations but that in forwarding copies of the President's suggestion to the belligerents the State Department instructed American diplomats in the neutral capitals to intimate to the governments to which they were accredited that in case they were considering a move similar to that of the United States the American government considered the time opportune.

No Action By Neutrals Urged

It was stated emphatically that in making this move the United States had no intention of urging neutral nations to act, or to set on foot a movement for an entente of neutral nations.

In explanation of this point it was stated that the primary purpose of the

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MAY ANSWER THE REPLY OF ALLIES

German Officials Appear Not to be Surprised at Response to Peace Proposal.

TO FIGHT WITH MORE VIGOR

Nation Disappointed Because Hope for Ending the War Has Vanished But is Not Despaired of Confidence in Future.

Berlin, via London, Jan. 1.—The press version of the reply of the Entente powers to Germany's peace proposals was received here yesterday. A definite statement regarding the official attitude concerning the document cannot be given before the official text has been received, but officials intimate that the reply is just about what had been expected, taking into consideration the preliminary announcements from various statesmen in the Entente countries and the Germany, while disappointed that her hope of the end of the blood-letting and destruction has vanished, is prepared to carry on the war with increased vigor and with a united people back of her.

The Entente statement, it is intimated, will probably evoke an answer in some form, Germany laying down from the government's standpoint the results of the peace overtures and analyzing the question of responsibility for a further continuance of the war.

Owing to the holiday suspension of the newspapers, the note will not be published here until tomorrow. Its tenor is not known to the general public.

SIR GEORGE BUCHANAN SAYS GERMANY MUST BE DEFEATED

London, Jan. 2.—"A great gulf is fixed red with the blood of peaceful noncombatants between Great Britain and Germany", according to Sir George Buchanan, British ambassador to Russia, is quoted by a Reuter's dispatch from Petrograd.

"We cannot grasp Germany's hand again until her armies have been defeated and the spirit of militarism permeating the whole nation exorcised," Sir George is quoted as having said at the annual dinner of the English Club of Petrograd last night. "During the last 20 years", he declared, 'Great Britain more than once has been accused not only of wishing to secure the lion's share of the spoils, but of thwarting the realization of Russia's traditional ambitions. Premier Trepoff's recent statement in the Duma laid that bogey at rest forever.

"The British government, when first approached on the subject of Constantinople and the Straits early in the spring of 1915 immediately expressed its whole hearted assent. We want to see Russia largely compensated for all her services and sacrifices; we want to help her to the prize she has so long dreamed of, we want to see her

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RIGID SUBSTITUTE FOR OWEN MEASURE

Would Limit Campaign Contributions to Any National Committee to $1,500,000.

$5,000 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL

Betting Would be Made a Felony, as Also Would Practices to Intimidate—Limits Expenses of Candidates for Congress.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Campaign contributions to a National political committee would be limited to one and one-half cents per capita of the total population of the United States in the revised corrupt practices bill completed tonight by the Senate elections subcommittee to be referred to the full committee tomorrow and placed before the Senate Wednesday.

Senators Reed, Walsh and Kenyon drafted the bill in collaboration with Senator Owen, author of the original measure debated in the Senate at length before the holidays. Senator Owen said tonight leaders of both parties had agreed to expedite passage of a bill along the lines proposed.

The per capita basis would limit total contributions to any national committee in a presidential campaign to approximately $1,500,000; no individual would be permitted to contribute more than $5,000 and contributions by corporations to any campaign fund would be prohibited.

Another important provision would prohibit contributions to a national committee within ten days of a general election, and require a complete report of contributions and disbursements to be filed with the clerk of the House of Representatives ten days before the election. Election betting and advertising of betting orders would be made a felony, and drastic provisions are proposed with relation to political advertising in newspapers and other publications. The bill provides that any person or corporation withdrawing or threatening to withdraw patronage, advertising or otherwise from any publication for the purpose of influencing its attitude shall be guilty of a felony.

Newspapers or periodicals charging for political advertising in excess of normal commercial advertising rates, or refusing non-libelous political advertisements offered at such rates when it opens its columns to other political advertising, would be denied the use of the mails for 30 days.

Further the measure provides that no publication shall publish gratuitously any political matter during a campaign except that written by its own employes, unless the matter is signed by the real name of the author and that no political advertising matter intended to influence an election shall be published unless marked as "paid advertising matter" with the name of the candidate or committee presenting it attached.

Financial contributions to state and county political committees also would be limited on a per capita population basis. State committees would be restricted to five cents per capita up to the first 500,000 inhabitants, three cents up to the second 500,000 and two cents per capita over the first million. County committees would be limited to three cents per capita for the first 25,000; two cents per capita in excess of 25,000 to 100,000 and one cent above 100,000.

Candidates for United States senator

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CONGRESS READY TO GET BUSY ON STRENUOUS TASK

Members Determined to Dispose of Necessary Bills to Avert an Extra Session.

FLOOD OF WORK IS AHEAD

Interest Centered on Hearings on President's Recommended Railway Legislation.

Washington, Jan. 1. Members of Congress were returning to Washington tonight from their Christmas holiday, prepared to get down to hard work on the accumulation of legislation that must be dealt with before adjournment on March 4.

With railroad legislation and revenue deficits confronting them as unusual issues, the rank and file are determined to labor with a will to clear the way of routine business, particularly the appropriation bills which must be completed before the actual revenue needs can be definitely established. Estimates on all these measures, including the extra heavy army and navy supply bills, are in hand, giving the House Ways and Means committee enough information upon which to frame revenue legislation at once.

Appropriation measures will be considered in the Senate immediately, the Indian bill probably being the first taken up while various committees are engaged in paving the way for consideration of railroad measures, a corrupt practices bill and other general legislation. The house which already has passed five appropriation bills, still has nine more to work out, and will approach that task vigorously with night sessions in prospect for the near future.

Returning members who were reelected do not look on the talk of an extra session and declare they are willing to work night and day to avert one. They insist that none will be necessary unless action by Congress on the railroad legislation proposed by the President should be held up. Even in that event all are not satisfied that the President would call an extra session for this purpose.

RAILWAY LEGISLATION TO ATTRACT CHIEF INTEREST

Washington, Jan. 1.—Upon the reconvening of Congress tomorrow, interest will center in hearings before the Senate Commerce committee on President Wilson's recommendations for legislation to supplement the Adamson law which was enacted to become effective today and the constitutionality of which is to be argued in the Supreme court next week.

Representatives of the employers, brotherhood railroads of the country and the general public have been invited to appear before the committee by Chairman Newlands. The attitude of the brotherhood officials is known to be antagonistic to the President's recommendations that Congress enact a law which would make railroad strikes unlawful pending a period of investigation of disputes by an official board of inquiry, should mediation by a board of conciliation fail to settle threatened trouble. An alternative suggestion is expected in the form of a law which would provide for compulsory investigation of disputes between railroad managers and the employees, but which would not deny the right to strike pending outcome of an inquiry.

Besides the original arbitration and strike prevention bill the committee also will have before it a proposal by Senator Underwood which would give the Interstate Commerce Commission the right to fix wages and conditions of employment of railway workers.

Opposition to the general legislative scheme is developing in both branches of Congress, so much so as to arouse misgivings whether anything can be accomplished by March 4. If nothing is done some members of Congress believe that the President may call an extra session to deal with the problem.

PARISIANS BEGIN NEW YEAR STUDYING NEW WAR TAXES

This Takes Place of Usual Exchange of Cards and Calls.

Paris, Jan. 1.—Parisians began the new year by studying the new war taxes, instead of making the usual exchange of visiting cards and calls. Both houses of parliament, in a special Sunday session that continued until New Year's eve, worked on the new system of taxes in order to make it effective at the beginning of 1917.

The salient features of the new order of things include a three cent instead of a two cent domestic postage; a 10 to 20 per cent increase of the tax on tobacco and cigars and a tax of from 10 to 50 centimes on theatre tickets, graduated according to the price of the seats, more costly telegrams and increased charges upon beverages and certain provisions.

The official new year ceremonies were limited to calls by the presidents of the senate and chamber upon President Poincare, who returned the visits. Otherwise the festivities were mostly confined to families having soldiers at home on leave.

At the front every soldier received extra rations of ham, wine, champagne, cigars and oranges, while the officers received double rations.

LAWSON SAYS HE IS READY TO 'PUT UP'

Says He Can Give Some "Interesting Testimony" Regarding Stock Manipulations.

ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON

Declares He Knows Men Who a Year Ago Had Less Than $50,000, But Who Now Have $50,000,000 to $60,000,000 Each.

Washington, Jan. 1. — Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, arrived here today, prepared, he said, to testify before any congressional or other committee in relation to any phase of the stock exchange business.

The alleged "leak" forecasting President Wilson's note to the European belligerents, Mr. Lawson said, was but a small part of the inside working of stock exchanges which the Federal authorities should investigate.

"I think every phase of stock market manipulations should be gone into by a Congressional committee or some committee or some other authorized body," he said.

"The stock exchange certainly offers a fertile field for investigation. I am in the game myself, and certainly will be able to give some interesting testimony if it really is desired. I know any number of men who a year ago did not have $50,000, but now, as a result of playing the market, have from $50,000,000 to $60,000,000 each. This situation alone would warrant investigation."

Upon his arrival, Mr. Lawson had no immediate plans for getting in touch with Congress, except that he had arranged to attend the session tomorrow. He said Chairman Henry, of the House Rules committee, who telegraphed him to "put up or shut up" regarding the reported "leak," would know where to find him.

THREE BOYS KILLED.

Were Tunneling Near River Bank When Earth Caved in On Them.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 1.—Three small boys were killed here this afternoon when a section of the river bank in which they were tunneling gave way, sending tons of earth down on them. The water had eaten in the bank leaving an overhang under where the lads were tunneling a cave. The lads are Frederick Sanford, Jr., William Hartung, Jr., and James Warren, sons of prominent citizens.

The boys did not arrive at their homes in time for the evening meal and a search was instituted. The cave-in was discovered and further inquiry lead to the disclosure that the children had been playing in the neighborhood. It required a score of men more than an hour to remove the earth. Two of the boys were found together and the other a distance away. One had his neck broken and the others died of suffocation.

AMERICAN ENGINEERS ARE RETURNING FROM RUMANIA

London, Jan. 2. — Seventy-five American engineers who escaped from the Rumanian oil fields during the German invasion, have arrived at Gothenburg, on their way home, according to a despatch to the Morning Post from Stockholm. The engineers quit the oil fields at the last minute, they say, and several persons were killed when the rear car of their train was shattered by the German artillery fire.

GERMANY IS MAKING HUGE PREPARATIONS FOR BATTLES OF 1917

TEUTONIC ADVANCE GOES ON UNABATED

Russo-Rumanians Steadily Pressed Back From Transylvania Alps and Lower Moldavia.

LOSE GROUND ELSEWHERE

Paris Claims Repulse of Attempted Attack of Germans East of Chambrettes Farm in Region of Verdun.

Bombardments and minor patrol engagements continue to prevail on all the fronts, except in Rumania, where the Teutonic allies are keeping up their inroads into the kingdom.

Russians and Rumanians are being steadily driven back from the Transylvanian Alps and lower Moldavian region, their line in the latter district now resting half way between Rimnik-Sarat and Fokshany. Around Braila, on both sides of the Danube, the invaders have further driven in the defenders of the territory. Near Fokshany and thence southeast to the Danube, Petrograd reports, the Russians and Rumanians have taken up new positions without pressure from the Teutonic llies. In Dobrudja, the invaders, 23 battalions strong, have forced the defenders to give ground.

In the Verdun sector east of the Chambrettes farm the Germans were repulsed, according to Paris. In the region of Ypres and Loos considerable artillery activity has prevailed.

On the front in Russia comparative quiet prevails, while in the Austro-Italian theatre the usual bombardments are in progress. No reports have been received from the Macedonian theatre.

The British government has appointed Earl Granville as diplomatic agent to the provisional government of Elipherios Venizelos at Saloniki.

SAYS BUSINESS MEN ARE THE ONES HURT MOST BY STRIKES

President of Switchmen's Union Says None of Union Men Struck

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan 1.—S. A. Heberling, international president of the Switchmens Union, said tonight that none of the switchmen affiliated with the Brotherhood of Railway trainmen has gone on a strike in any of the New York state yards nor in Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland, Chicago and St. Louis.

"There was a threat of a strike among these men for New Year's day," said Mr. Heberling. "They are the men who were not included in the arbitrator's award of the eight-hour day for the switchmen affiliated with the union announced on December 23. The award did not cover all the members of the union itself, but only those working in yards for which we hold contracts with the 13 railroads party to the award.

"It is time for union men to realize that strikes injure the business men of the country more than they do the men on strike or the railroads."

Guns by the Thousands Being Turned Out Weekly to Offset Artillery of Allies.

QUANTITIES OF AMMUNITION

Soldiers Brought From the Front to Work in Factories, Turning Out Munitions.

TO BE YEAR OF PRIVATION

Short Potato Crop Has Offset Increased Grain Harvest.

Berlin, Jan. 1, via Sayville.—Many thousand guns per week is reported to be the measure of the mighty manufacturing effort which Germany is now making for the campaign of 1917, an effort upon which the entire manhood force of the nation, which can be spared from the front and their regular occupations, is being concentrated under First Quartermaster Von Ludendorf's universal labor service law.

New Immense Supply Needed.

Counting four months before the probable renewal of the world war in full vigor on all fronts, these figures mean a new immense supply of cannon of all calibres, from field guns up to the gigantic howitzers, to meet the admittedly gigantic efforts which the Entente Allies are expected to make in this the third year of Kitchener's prophecy, to turn the scale of the war.

Along with these guns, the German factories are turning out correspondingly stupendous quantities of ammunition and the production of machine guns, all of which virtually replaces a platoon of men, has been placed on a scale far beyond that of the past year.

The campaign of 1917 will, it is already evident, be fought as a wide extension and development of the Somme battle with even a heavier concentration of artillery over a far wider front and with lines literally bristling with machine guns. Confidence that their opponents will be unable to break through this wall of steel and fire is not only expressed by the higher commanders, but also is manifested right down into the ranks of the common people.

Soldiers Working in Factories.

To produce great masses of war material thousands of skilled men have been brought and are being brought back from the front and placed in the Krupp and other munition factories. These men are replaced in the ranks by levees set free by the universal labor service bill and by a widespread coming out of able bodied men from hitherto exempt occupations. Another expected development of 1917 is a change in the center of gravity on the western front. The Somme battle has swept its way into comparative quietude and while the military experts here naturally are unable to predict with certainty the plans of the Anglo-French leaders, recent advices point to a transfer of the Entente Allies' main efforts to another region—most likely that of Verdun, where the French energies reently have been concentrated—on extending to its original size the sally port west of the Meuse, the most obvious point for the effort to roll back the tide of invasion, or, in acse of minor sucess, a point whence operations into the rich iron fields would be possible.

The military experts here point out that the employment of British troops in large numbers at this point of the battle line would be hampered by great transportation difficulties and assert that the French reserves are inadequate for any great unsupported effort. They express the fullest confidence that with the balance of artillery strength fully restored, as they expect it to be by spring, Germany will be able to prevent any serious advance at this salient.

Year of Privations.

The new year, as far as internal conditions are concerned, will be a year of privations. The increased harvest of grains is offset by a disappointing potato crop, so that despite the food supplies captured in Rumania, no prospect of an increase in the total ration can be held out for the present, though perhaps later it may be found possible to provide an extra allowance of meat. Dietary experts declare, however, that the present ration is entirely adequate to support life and maintain working vigor, except in the case of those occupied in heavy work, for whom special provision is now being made under the appeal of Filed Marshal von Hindenburg, chief of the general staff, to the rural population for contributions. It is maintained that while life within the blockade may become increasingly unpleasant, the military efficiency of Germany will not be diminished.

Gloomy Outlook for Peace.

In foreign affairs, the new year, of course, dawns under a sign of peace overtures. The Ententes official reply thereto has not yet been received but little expectation is entertained here that it will be favorable or that, even assisted by the United States and other neutrals, the peace movement will for

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SAYS WHOLE RUSSIAN NATION WANTS PEACE

Members of the Duma Quoted by Overseas News Agency.

Maxim Gorky, the Poet, Reported As Saying "Russia Sacrificed Herself For Her Friends and In Return Has Been Abandoned."

Berlin, Jan. 1. (via Sayville.)—Reports of the recent memorable session of the Russian Duma received here, says the Overseas News Agency, include a speech by a member of that body named Tshenkeli quoting him as saying:

"The parliamentary majority, formed in arbitrary fashion, raves against peace in order to conceal the fact that the whole Russian nation and laborers of Russia desire nothing more ardently than peace. The so-called progressives intrude themselves in an effort to separate the government from the people in order to enslave the nation to a so-called allied power which today is even more hated than all our enemies together."

Maxim Gorky, the Russian poet, is quoted by the Overseas News Agency as saying in a speech at the anniversary celebration of the association of Russian writers that the future now is darker for Russia than ever before, that her military prospects are hopeless and that Russia is facing a winter of famine, privation and misery"

"Russia sacrificed herself for her friends and in return has been abandoned by them." Gorky is quoted as declaring. "Wealthy England, which could allegiate our misery, remains

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GEN. E. L. HAYES DIES AT NEW JERSEY HOME

Was Once Governor of North Carolina for Nine Months.

Held Office During Reconstruction Period—Served Throughout Civil War, Entering as Major in 100th Ohio Regiment.

Verona, N. J., Jan. 1. — General Edward Lewis Hayes, a cousin of President Rutherford B. Hayes, and at one time governor of North Carolina, died at his home here today. He was 97 years old last Friday. At a celebration in honor of the event he insisted on cutting the birthday cake himself, and seemed better than for some months. That night, however, he suffered an attack of indigestion, and grew steadily worse.

General Hayes was a prominent Republican, and was a delegate to the convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln for the Presidency. He served throughout the Civil War, entering the service as a major in the 100th Ohio volunteers. He was promoted to colonel of that regiment, and later became a brigadier general. He took part in thirty battles, although he was a prisoner in Libby for 11 months. During the reconstruction period, he was governor of North Carolina for about nine months.

After the war, General Hayes entered the commission business in New York city, but returned about eight years ago, because of failing health. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Elixabeth Graves, of Glen Ridge, N. J.; one grand-daughter, and one great grand-daughter.

FIGHT FOR SPEAKER OF HOUSE WARMS UP

General Opinion in Raleigh is That Murphy Will Win.

Democratic Caucus Will Be Held Tonight—Great Majority of Members of Legislature Had Not Arrived Last Night

(Special Star Telegram)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 1.—With the great majority of the members yet to arrive, there is streneuous log rolling going on among members on the scene in preparation for the voting in the Democratic caucus Tuesday night for speaker of the House of Representatives. All three candidates, Murphy of Rowan, Roberts of Buncombe, and Page of Moore, were in conference with supporters frequently during the day and all three talk confidently tonight. Murphy insists that he has a majority on the first ballot assured. Roberts and Page both believe there will be no election on first ballot and each insists that he will win subsequent balloting.

The most general opinion here is that Murphy will win.

D. P. Dillinger, of Gastonia, and Paul Webb, of Moorehead, are seeking the reading—clerkship in the House; C. C. Broughton, of Montgomery, the like position in the Senate. J. H. Morning, of Wake wants again the place of Sergeant at Arms in the House and J. J. Lewis, of Raleigh, the like post in the Senate. R. O. Self has no opposition for principal clerk in the Senate, and Alex. Lassiter and Frank Hackett

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EPISCOPALIANS RAISE FOUR-FIFTHS OF FUND

Four Million Dollars Already Pledged for Pensions.

Bishop Lawrence Expresses Confidence That Remaining One Million Will be subscribed—Pension Plan Described.

New York, Jan. 1.—Success in obtaining pledges for $4,000,000 toward the $5,000,000 church pension fund being raised for Protestant Episcopal clergymen and their dependent families was announced here today by Bishop William Lawrence, of Massachusetts, chairman of the fund committee.

"This great sum of money is the largest the church has ever raised in so short a time," Bishop Lawrence said. "The campaign, which began March 1, 1916, will end on March 1, of this year. On that day the entire $5,000,000 must be in hand; otherwise we are not entitled to keep the four millions now pledged. We are confident, however, that the extra $1,000,000 will be raised."

The plan as described in an announcement by the committee is based on thorough investigation and recognized actuarial principles. It is calculated to provide a minimum old age pension of $600 to clergymen who voluntarily retire at the age of 68, while the maximum is to be for half the average salary.

A disability pension also is to be provided, available at any age, reckoned on the basis of 40 per cent of the average salary for five years of service preceding involuntary retirement, with

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IN THE REALM OF SPORTS

Decision To Involve All Kinds Of Sport

UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION WILL ANSWER THE QUESTION, "WHAT CONSTITUTES AN AMATEUR?"

Denver, Col., Jan. 1. — Every game in the realm of sport is directly or indirectly involved in the decison of the United States Golf Association makes at its annual meeting in New York next week, on the question of "What constitutes an amateur?" according to Frank L. Woodward, president of the association, who left here today for the annual gathering. Mr. Woodward issued a statement, which he said outlined the ideas of the executive committee on the subject.

"It is either sport for sport's sake, or sport for gain,' said Mr. Woodward. The question of the amateur standing of Francis Ouimet, John J. Sullivan and Paul Tewksbury, three prominent American golfers, Mr. Woodward said, would undoubtedly be discussed. The men were suspended last year on charges that they had engaged in the sporting goods business. The statement follows:

"Tremendous efforts have been put forth by a number of Massachusetts golfers and others who have constituted themselves the enemies of the executive committee, to prejudice the minds of the delegates who expect to attend the annual meeting. The methods adopted to accomplish this are most remarkable for the reason that golf is supposed to be playing the game to resport, distinguished by good fellowship and harmony. Among friends it is not supposed to be playng the game to resort to mis-statement and misrepresentation, but these have characterized the attacks on the amateur rule and on the executive committee from the start.

"The executive committee has merely been carrying out the instructions voted by the delegates in open meeting, but it has been painted as an autocratic, self-willed body of aristocrats, bent upon forcing their opinions through despite all opposition. Charges of unfairness and discrimination have been freely made, and at the same time known facts in the particular cases have deliberately been withheld. The executive committee has been silent all the way through, because it believed that the forum for the discussion of these matters was the annual meeting of the association itself, rather than the public press. It was for these reasons that, in its notice announcing the annual meeting it urged all clubs to send a delegate in the person, and to let him go uninstructed, so that he might be open-minded and unbiased in his decision upon all the facts that are to be shown at the meeting. There would seem to be no fairer, saner method of arriving at a satisfactory solution of any controversy.

"It is for the delegates to decide whether the game of golf shall be maintained upon the principles of clean, straightforward, decent sportsmanship, or whether players shall be permitted to trade upon it for personal profit. The issue is, therefore, extremely simple, and the delegates must align themselves upon one side or the other. It is either sport for sport's sake, or sport for gain, and no attempt to cloud the issue by crafty pleading or extravagant verbiage, will avail in the last analysis to shift the decision from one or the other of these two propositions.

"The one is an appeal to manhood, and the best elements in human nature. The other is a mere yielding to sordid commercialism. The best interests of golf are not alone at stake, but every game in the whole realm of amateur sport is, to a certain extent, involved. The result of this meeting will, therefore, be watched with the keenest intrst throughout the country. The situation is critical, and the executive committee bespeaks the utmost care and attention on the part of all the clubs in the selection of delegates, and in the fair-minded consideration of the real issue involved."

NEW YORK CLUB WINS THE JUNIOR INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 1.—The New York Athletic Club, with 31 points, easily won the National Indoor Junior championship meet of the A. A. U. held here tonight in the Third Artillery armory. No records were equalled, the sprints wer slow, and the field events, while closely contested, were below standard. The Ferguson Athletic Club, of Buffalo, was second, with 15 points; the Millrose Athletic club, of New York, third, with 11.

DILLON WINS IN 15-ROUND BOUT WITH MOHA, AT DAYTON

Dayton, O., Jan. 1.—Jack Dillon won the popular decision on points in his 15-round go here this afternoon with Bob Mohan, of Milwaukee. Five of the rounds easily were Dillon's, three going to Moha on clever punches, the others even. Dillon's aggressive fighting won the battle.

BRITTON DEFENDS TITLE AS WELTER-WEIGHT CHAMPION.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Jack Britton defended his title of welterweight champion against Jimmy Duffy here this afternoon. Just before the gong in the seventh round, Britton put Duffy to the floor with a right cross. In the ninth Duffy was knocked down for a long count.

HANSON DOWNS RESS.

Wilmington Man Wins From Belgian at Wilson.

Fritz Hanson downed Ludwig Ress at Wilson last night with two straight falls, according to telegraphic reports received here. Hanson states that the Belgian boy was "some tough" and put up a stiff scrap. Fritz will meet Barney Bernhardt tomorrow night in Columbia.

Laredo, Texas, Jan. 1.—New Year's day passed without any attempt by Mexican revolutionists to capture Nuevo Laredo. Persistent rumors last night had it that a demand had been presented for the surrender of the town today.

Pennsylvania Held Helpless By Oregon

WESTERN ELEVEN SECURES TWO TOUCHDOWNS WHILE THE TEAM FROM THE EAST IS UNABLE TO SCORE

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1.—The University of Oregon defeated the University of Pennsylvania here today 14 to 0. Oregon scored one touchdown in the third and another in the fourth.

The game was played before one of the largest crowds that ever saw a football game on the Pacific Coast.

During the first half, both teams resorted constantly to kicking, in which Berry, the Pennsylvanian, had the better of Beckett.

With the Quakers in striking distance of Oregon's goal in the third period, Oregon recovered the ball on a fumble and with smashing drives forced the ball over for a tounchdown. Huntington kicked goal. In the last period, Oregon repeated her plunging tactics and with a brilliant 45-yard run by Parsons, scored another touchdown and Huntington kicked another goal.

BASEBALL COMMISSION WILL BEGIN ANNUAL MEET TODAY.

Cincinnati, Jan. 1.—Baseball men from almost every part of the country began gathering here tonight for the annual meeting of the National Baseball Commission tomorrow. The supreme court of baseball may be delayed in beginning its work, inasmuch as there has been a special meeting called of the club owners of three class AA, leagues, which has an indicated object the adoption of a suitable resolution for presentation to the commission asking that the drafting of players from class AA leagues be abolished. It has been unofficially indicated that the request will be denied.

The election of officers for the commission also will be held, but it has become an assured fact during the last week that both Chairman August Herrmann and Secretary John E. Bruce would be re-elected, the announcement from Chicago that President Johnson, of the American League had stated that he saw no reason to make a change, putting an end to numerous rumors of the past six months that the commission would have a new head in the person of some one not affiliated with either major league.

DARCY WITNESSES BOUT BETWEEN MISKE AND BROWN

New York, Jan. 1.—Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight champion, witnessed his first ring contest in America, in Brooklyn today, where Billy Miske, of St. Paul, and George ("Knockout") Brown, of Chicago, fought ten hard rounds.

In eight of the rounds, the St. Paul man gave the Chicagoan a beating. Miske, who is prominently mentioned as n opponent for Darcy, had the advantage of height, reach and five pounds in weight, but Brown withstood terrific punishment and was still fighting gamely when the bout ended. Brown won the first two rounds.

"The arrangements here are rather strange to me," said Darcy. "Both smoking and coaching from the corners are absolutely prohibited in Australia, but both are allowed here. The men in the ring must be weakened by inhaling such a smoke-laden atmosphere."

In another Brooklyn club today, Battling Levinsky cleverly outpointed Gunboat Smith in a 10-round bout.

WANTS TO MEET HANSON

Detroit Matman Would Wrestle on Winner—Take all Basis

"If Mr. Hanson is not afraid to get beat, let him state his terms, and name the date" writes Jim Poulios of Detroit Mich. to the Star. Poulios will be remembered as the wrestler who met Hanson here last winter, and forfeited the match on account of an injured shoulder.

So anxious is the Michigan grappler to take another shot at the local crack, that he expresses himself as willing to come all the way from Detroit to Wilmington and wrestle on the winner take all basis. He claims that if he does not throw Hanson, he does not want a cent of money for his trouble.

SEEKS HANSON'S SCALP

Former Amateur Champion of Europe Issues Open Challenge

Through the sporting editor of The Star, Bob Diry, an 158 pound wrestler of 306 East 82nd street, New York, issues an open challenge to Fritz Hanson, of Wilmington, for a finish match, purse to be divided as Hanson sees fit.

Diry states that he was formerly amateur champion of all Europe, and since turning professional has met many of the best men in the country. He says that he is always in condition, and would be able to give Hanson more than he is looking for.

PLAYERS REACH SEMI-FINALS IN TOURNAMENT AT PINEHURST

Pinehurst, N. C., January 1. — Philip Carter, of New York; Fillmore Robeson, of Rochester; Frederick Snare, of Havana, and Dwight L. Armstrong, of Pittsburgh, reached the semi-finals today in the mid-winter golf tournament here. Carter won by default of C. H. Williams, of Philadelphia, and will meet Robeson tomorrow. Robeson defeated Robert Hunter, of Noroton. Snare defeated W. L. Pierce, Jr., of En. Armstrong beat Robert Shannon, of Pittsburgh.

TEXASS WIN FROM THE NEW YORK INFANTRY TEAM 102 TO 2

Corpus Christi, Texas, Jan. 1.—The second Texas infantry football team today defeated the 7th New York infantry eleven by a score of 102 to 2. It was the fifth consecutive victory for the Texans, teams of Missouri, Wisconsin, Virginia and Nebraska guardsmen having previously gone down before them. Next Saturday the Texas infantry men will meet an all-star team from the military camps at Fort Sam Houston.

WILMINGTON LADY DRANK BARREL OF WATER AND SODA

Then Mrs. J. H. McKinney Started on Tanlac. "It Is the Best Medicine I Ever Tried for Indigestion," She Declares.

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Commenting on the story of Mrs. McKinney, Edward Hales Drum, the famous Tanlac Man, said: "I believe there is no medicine that reaches the very seat of stomach, liver and kidney trouble as effectively as does Tanlac. Nothing more convincing of what it will do for nervous, rundown men and women can be told than the stories that are daily offered by people right here in Wilmington."

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ANSON CITIZENS EAGER FOR MORE AND BETTER HIGHWAYS

Bill Will be Introduced for Issuance of $70,000 More Bonds.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wadesboro, N. C., Jan. 1.—Several meetings have been held for the purpose of improving the road system in Anson county. A bill has been drawn up which will be introduced in the next General Assembly, providing for a bond issue of $70,000 to build more good roads. It is estimated that this amount will be sufficient to enable the county commissioners to build good roads all over the county.

The bill provides for an entire change of the road laws. Each tax-payer is required to work the roads for a certain number of days or to pay the sum of $3.00 to help keep up the roads already built. It further provides for the appointment by the commissioners of a road superintendent and purchasing agent who will have control over the various superintendents in the county. Each road superintendent will have a certain number of miles of road to keep in good condition for which he will be held responsible. These district superintendents will all be under the control of the county superintendent. The county superintendent will have to make all the purchases for the county and make recommendations to the county commissioners. He is required to give all of his time to this work.

It is hoped that this arrangement will prove to be a remedy for the prevention of the destruction of the good roads which have already been built and which are to be built in the near future. It is hoped that all of the roads in the county will be worked within a year's time.

FORMAL DEMAND TO BE MADE ON HUNT TO GIVE UP OFFICE

Republican Governor-Elect of Arizona Inaugurated Yesterday.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 1. — Interest in the efforts of G. W. P. Hunt, Democratic claimant to the office of Governor of Arizona, to prevent occupancy of the office by Thomas E. Campbell, Republican, who was formally inaugurated today, centered tonight in the probable legal steps expected to follow.

An armed deputy sheriff, acting, he said, "on the authority of LeRoy Ladd," Hunt's private secretary, prevented Campbell adherents from occupying the governor's offices. A suggestion by the Campbell men that the doors be broken down provoked cheers from the crowd which witnessed the inauguration, but Campbell counselled the employment of orderly means, and the crowd quietly dispersed.

A formal demand is to be made upon Hunt tomorrow to surrender the office and turn over all official papers, it was announced tonight. In the event this is refused counsel for Campbell stated that Hunt then will be served with a notice of application for a writ of mandamus, adding that arrangements had been made for the issuance of an alternative writ in Supreme Court. It was explained that Campbell in this manner will be identified as the de facto governor of the state before the legislature convenes in January. Final determination of the controversy is expected to rest with the result of the contest instituted by Hunt.

FIGHT FOR SPEAKER OF HOUSE WARMS UP

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are pitted against each other for chief clerk in the House, H. B. Carter of Asheville is seeking to be engrossing clerk of the House and W. D. Gaster, of Fayetteville, is seeking re-election as Sergeant at Arms in the Senate.

There are only two Democratic and two Republican members of the new Senate who served in the session two years ago. McNider, of Hertford, and Harding, of Pitt, are the Democrats and Parker of Johnston, and Johnas, of Lincoln, are the Republicans.

There are 28 members of the House who served in the last session.

NEW YEAR'S GOLF MATCHES

Cape Fear Country Club Had Fine Tournament Yesterday in Spite of Inclement Weather.

The handicap match against bogie was the leading event at the Cape Fear Country Club yesterday in the New Year's day golf tournament. There were 29 entries in the event and some good scores were made. After an enjoyable oyster roast at 1 o'clock a nine-hole mixed foursome handicap match was started in which 16 couples were entered. There would no doubt have been many more but for the very inclement weather.

Mr. W. G. Robertson won the first prize, a hndsome copper cup, in the first event with a score of five up on bogie and Mr. E. A. Metts got the second prize, golf balls, with a score of four up on bogie.

First prize copper cups were won by Miss Fannie Grainger and Mr. E. H. Smith, with a net score of 44 in the afternoon match, while the second prizes, golf balls, were won by Mrs. Annie Northrop and Mr. E. A. Metts with a net score of 46.

The oyster roast and luncheon served at 1 o'clock was participated in by all those taking part in the tournament and in addition by a large number of other members. The lady members of the club had provided an abundance of good thingu to eat while the bivalves were of the best and prepared in a most acceptable style. Those who spent a strenuous morning chasing golf balls found the luncheon especially enjoyable.

The scores for the morning event are as follows:

J. J. Blair, handicap 12, 6 down.
J. C. McEachin, handicap 9, 4 down.
D. MacRae, handicap 12, 5 down.
T. B. Willard, handicap 12, 3 down.
Dr. J. W. Stanly, handicap 6, 4 down.
W. G. Robertson, handicap 3, 5 up.
D. W. Gross, handicap 9, 4 down.
R. Hunt, handicap 8, 1 down.
B. H. Bridgers, handicap 6, 6 down.
Dr. R. H. Bellamy, handicap 4, 4 down
Geo. P. James, handicap 3, 4 down.
R. C. James, handicap 9, 3 down.
T. W. Davis, handicap 12, 4 down.
C. Van Leuven, handicap 12, 3 down.
S. B. Ives, handicap 4, even.
T. W. Strange, handicap 3, 1 down.
C. S. Grainger, handicap 3, 5 down.
E. H. Smith, handicap 12, even.
J. F. Roache, handicap 6, 2 down.
E. A. Metts, handicap 9, 4 up.
J. W. Carmichael, handicap 4, 9 down.

The scores for the afternoon mixed foursome match are as follows, the gross scores, handicap and net scores of each couple being given:

Miss Marguerite Walker and Mr. W. L. Walker, 56, 9, 47.
Miss Christine Stevenson and Mr. M. Calder, 57, 7, 50.
Miss Mary Bell and Mr. J. F. Roache, 61, 9, 52.
Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Grainger, 58, 10, 48.
Miss Marie Grainger and Mr. R. Hunt, 64, 11, 53.
Mrs. G. H. Smith and Dr. J. W. Stanly, 58, 10, 13.
Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Grainger, 72, 14, 58.
Miss Fannie Grainger and Mr. E. H. Smith, 59, 15, 44.
Miss Gertrude Bell and Mr. G. H. Smith, Jr., 69, 15, 54.
Miss Kate Northrop and Mr. J. L. Williams, 65, 15, 50.
Mrs. Annie Northrop and Mr. E. A. Metts, 50, 4, 46.

EPISCOPALIANS RAISE FOUR-FIFTHS OF FUND

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a minimum of $600. Under the plan widows will receive half of the pension the husband would have been entitled to if he had lived, the minimum being $300. Orphans' benefits are to be on a flat basis of $100 annually up to the age of seven years, $200 to those between seven and 14, and $300 to those above 14 until they reach majority.

The $5,000,000 being collected now is to enable the fund to commence immediate payments to clergymen who will retire during the early days of its operation. The perpetuation of the system is to be maintained through annual payments by each parish at 7½ per cent of the rector's salary.

Grand Junction, Tenn., January 1. — Cloudy weather and light showers handicapped the 18 dogs which ran first series heats here today in the derby of the United States Field Trial Club. The remaining four braces of the 26 dogs entered will have their first series trial tomorrow morning.

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SPEAKERSHIP CONTEST STILL IS UNCERTAIN

Page, It is Believed, Will Hold Key to the Situation.

Some Think He May Retire in Favor of One of His Opponents, While Others Think He Has a Fair Chance to Win.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 1.—With the convening of the Legislature just two days off and the actual caucus selection of the speaker and other elective officers of the two houses only one day off, these being chosen in party caucuses for the purpose Tuesday night, few venture any definite prediction as to the outcome of the contest.

Walter Murphy, Gallatin Roberts and H. A. Page, the three candidates for speaker, each has strong following with the impression very general that Mr. Page will hold the key to the situation if he can swing his following to Murphy or to Roberts. Some are predicting that Mr. Page will take assurances of his choice of house chairmanships and retire in favor of one or the other of his opponents. Others believe that Mr. Page has as good a chance of getting the speakership as either of the other two.

Alex Lassiter, whom after 18 years of clerical legislative service, is seeking the chief clerkship of the house, is the only active candidate for a clerkship yet in the field here. He has assurances of support that his friends believe will put him over in good form. If Frank Hackett, of North Wilkesboro, is to seek this place, he has not yet arrived here. Lassiter has been journal clerk in eleven legislatures and has won his claims of being an expert in the strictest sense of the word.

It will take the speaker at least a week to line up his committees and get the machinery of the House in working order after the session opens. The same applies to the House in proportion to the membership of the two houses. Whatever influx of local bills that may come in the first six days of the session to get ahead of the constitutional amendments, effective January 10, must be scrutinized by special committees temporarily appointed for the purpose.

In fact, something of a second thought regarding this anticipated "rush" of local municipal and county bills, especially for bond issues, may not materialize as voluminously as at first thought. It is pointed out that only those members in touch with such points as Raleigh, Wilmington, Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Durham, Asheville and numbers of the other towns will be sufficiently aware of the possibility of local legislation of the kind to have bills ready drawn for introduction the first day. And this must be done in order to give the bills time to take their separate day roll call readings in the two houses.

It is understood that the special committees from the State Bar Association and the State Municipal Counsel, which are preparing the bills that are to contain the general machinery for the application of the four constitutional amendments, are pushing their work and that the Legislature is assured of having these tentative or suggestive bills in the hopper early in the session. In this way they will be studied carefully by the leaders in the two houses and the most intelligent treatment given in their enactment into law.

A. M. Scales, of Greensboro, is the chairman of the general committee having the preparation of these bills in hand and he is the senator from Guilford and will, it is generally believed, be the chairman of the finance committee in the Senate. With Scales in the senate and R. A. Doughton in the house as the heads of the joint committee on finance the Legislature will be well armed, it is expected for the financial end of the legislative work.

MR. M'LEAN PREACHES.

Former Fayetteville Lawyer Heard at Highland Presbyterian Church.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 1.—Mr. John Allen MacLean, Jr., a student at Union Theological Seminary, who formerly practiced law in this city, preached at the Highland Presbyterian church yesterday. Mr. MacLean is a member of the Highland church, having been a resident of Fayetteville when the church was organized. He has many friends here who welcomed an opportunity to hear him in the pulpit. Mr. MacLean, as a member of the law firm of Shaw & MacLean, was a very successful practitioner but about two years ago became convinced that he was called to the ministry, and voluntarily gave up a more than usually promising career at the bar to enter the theological seminary.

Mr. MacLean is a native of Maxton, being a member of a family which has produced many brilliant lawyers. He is a great-grandnephew of Flora Macdonald, the Scottish heroine.

DECREASE IN EXPORTS.

Shipments Through Port of Newport News Slightly Less than in 1915.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 1.—Exports from this port during 1916 totaled $73,923,804 and imports $2,019,687, according to figures compiled at the customs house. The export business was not as large as that of 1915, due to the decrease in the horse shipments through this port. The import business was more than half a million larger than that of the preceding year.

The principal imports were china clay, asphalt, wood pulp, cocoa beans and ferromanganese. Exports consisted mainly of coal, grain and livestock.

SUGGESTS AN ULTIMATUM.

Goldsboro Man Wires President Concerning Peace Move.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 1.—Following a statement issued through the press by President Wilson some time ago, stating that he "wished views from firesides," C. G. Hutcheson, a local business man, has sent the following telegram to President Wilson: "Sentiment strongly favors that, instead of rushing premature peace, all of the largest of the neutral nations present a joint note in the nature of a real ultimatum to Germany demanding her to quit her violation of international laws and her outrages upon innocent humanity."

THEATRICAL

The biggest show of the season at the Royal yesterday played to the greatest crowds of the season, when Gardner and Lawson presented for the first time their "Hello Southland Revue Company" in the niftiest musical comedy play with special scenery ever seen in Wilmington at popular prices.

It was a show that no one could see without appreciating. Nifty dancing and singing numbers, by a chorus with real voices which were well trained and harmonious, added to the charm and enjoyment of this aggregation of all-star entertainers, which carries no less than six great vaudevil and specialty numbers in its reportoire for every show it presents.

The Evansons, comedy entertainers, probably deserve first mention, after first given all praise to the original "Well I'll Swear Gardner" who in the blackface role, carried the house into paroxysms of laughter one time right after another. He's just about the swellest blackface comedy artist ever seen here, and will undoubtedly score a big hit all the week.

Then comes The Boyds, "Military Nonsense" that is rich and original; Miller and Davis, in some nifty society dance numbers; Thelma Fraley, "The Girl with The Blues", who presents with equal nicety all the current "Blues" including Hesitation, Broadway and Memphis. Then comes Ethel

Scene in Act 2 in "A Little Girl in a Big City". Academy of Music, Matinee and Night, Saturday, Jan. 6.

Bruce and May Lawson, two others who deserve praise.

It's a show the management can thoroughly guarantee and should be seen by every patron of the theatre today, as this great bill goes on for the last times today and tonight.

"Gods's Half Acre"—Grand

At the Grand today comes another great motion picture triumph, keeping up the great reputation started with the New Year yesterday, a reputation which the management will endeavor to maintain throughout the coming year.

Today at the Grand comes that sublime screen and stage star, Mabel Taliafaro, in her greatest and most pretentious screen interpretation in the leading role of that great Metro Wonderplay, "God's Half Acre" filmed in a mammoth production of six long reels of pictures, a solid hour and a half of film, more than a mile of film, with the great art of this wonderful actress inscribed upon it every foot.

"God's Half Acre" has been pronounced one of the few perfect dramatic pictures of the year, and is sublime in its picturization of a marvelous story with startling fidelity to every detail. Mabel Taliafero does the greatest work of her wonderful career in its interpretation, and Grand patrons indeed have another rare treat for today.

And just a glimpse into the future. Tomorrow comes Bryant Washburn in a marvelous film version of "The Prince of Graustark". McCutcheon's wonderful sequel to "Graustark". Thursday comes Wallace Reid and Clee Ridgley in "The Yellow Pawn". Friday comes Mae Marsh and Robert Harren in "The Marriage of Molly-O". Some lay-out for the balance of the week.

"The Common Law" Again Today

An audience that taxed to capacity even the largest Theatre in Wilming, ton, witnessed two performances of that massive and wonderful motion picture achievement, "The Common Law" at the Victoria yesterday afternoon and last night, in which the illustrious screen constellation, Clara Kimball Young has scored the supreme triumph of her wonderful career.

"The Common Law" created a mild sensation when it appeared in book form some years ago—as much so that its sales have rivalled any best seller of recent years, and even now, are selling one million copies a year over the civilized world. But this sensation is nothing as compared to that created by the truly wonderful screen version as presented as the first picture made by Miss Young at the head of her own company, The Clara Kimball Young Film Corporation.

As filmed for the screen, "The Common Law" is in eight reels, a two hour show, and when an audience can sit through two hours of a motion picture, and come out singing its praises as did the large crowds yesterday, it is some slight indication that it indeed is a wonderful picture. No pen picture can describe its depth of emotional acting, its breath of scope, its artistic perfection and the completeness in every detail of its presentation. Clara Kimball Young, if she never makes another picture, will go down to posterity as the star in one of filmdom's greatest achievements.

"The Common Law" will be presented again this afternoon at 3:30 and tonight at 8:30, for the last time in Wilmington.

Interesting Bijou Program

Today at the Bijou is one of those bills of movies that every man, woman and child who ever goes to a movie show will want to see. You may not care for all of these features, but ten to one there is one of them that will hit you exactly and that you will want to see.

The headliner is the final and grand conclusion of that great sequel to "The Diamond From The Sky" closing down for the history of this great record breaking serial and its sequel. In today's chapter all of the complexities which went through forty reels of pictures will be revealed and everything will be made clear. Today for the last time those characters, Vivian Marston, Quabba the Hunchback, The Stanleys and all the other quaint and interesting characters will be seen for the last time. And last but not least, today will reveal the winner of the Ten Thousand Dollar prize paid for this sequel, and besides w'l show pictures on the screen of the one who won the great prize. You certainly want to see this.

Wallace Reid, the great Paramount star, will be seen in a distant novelty at the Bijou today, a motion picture drama in which he plays, for the first and only time, opposite his beautiful wife, Dorothy Davenport. This is something that photoplay fans have never before had the opportunity of seeing, as Mr. Reid plays with Paramount regularly and Miss Davenport (Mrs. Reid) is with Universal. How they got together in this Universal picture, we don't know, but they are here.

There will be a great Nestor comedy on today's bill also—"I'm Your Husband" a roar from beginning to end.

"A Little Girl in a Big City"

The entense loneliness of a young country girl in a city of five million inhabitants, like New York, is most interestingly shown in James Kyrle MacCurdy's new play, "A Little Girl In A Big City," which will be seen for the first time here at the Academy of Music next Saturday Matinee and night January 6. No children under 16 will be admitted.

It shows what happened to one little girl who went to the big city alone and what became of her. It is said to be a far-more brilliant and thrilling play than has been seen here this season. Every mother should see it and every girl, should see it for it is said to teach a great moral lesson.

The matinee prices are 25 cents for the balcony seats and 50 cents for lower floor seats. The night prices will be from 50 cents to $1. Tickets will go on sale Thursday morning at Elvington's front street store.

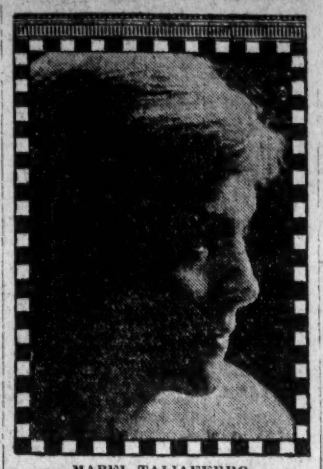
MRS. LUCY EVANS DEAD.

Former Resident of Fayetteville Passes Away at Livingston, Tex.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 1.—News of the death of a former highly esteemed resident of this county has been received here by relatives, announcing the passing of Mrs. Lucy D. Evans, of Livingston, Tex., wife of Capt. James S. Evans, a prominent citizen of that place. Captain and Mrs. Evans moved from this county to Texas in 1893. Mrs. Evans was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pearsall, of Sampson county. She leaves four sons and five daughters. There are many relatives and friends of the deceased in this county, where she lived for 27 years.

Appearing at the Victoria Today in "The Common Law."



MABEL TALIAFERRO.
The Wonderful Star in "God's Half Acre," Six-Reel Metro Wonderplay at the Grand Today.

WHITMAN INAUGURATED FOR SECOND TERM AS GOVERNOR

Largest Crowd in Decade Attends Ceremonies at Albany.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1. — The most brilliant setting that has attended the induction of a governor in many years characterized the inauguration of Charles Seymour Whitman, of New York, today for a second term. The military display was unusually elaborate, and the crowds that flocked to the ade.

cade.

Domicio DaGama, the Brazilian ambassador, and Samuel W. McCall, governor of Massachusettts, were among the throng that packed the assembly chamber, where the inaugural exercises were held.

The feature of the governor's inaugural address was a recommendation that the state make up to the members of the National Guard, who performed service on the Mexican border, the difference between the 50 cents per day paid them by the Federal government and the $1.25 a day paid by the state for state service. Such a course would entail an expense of about $2,000,000, the governor said.

Following the inaugural ceremony, the governor held a reception in the executive chamber. Announcement was made of the appointment to the governor's military staff of Colonel Cornelius Vanderbilt, of the Twenty-Second Engineers, and Lieutenant Walter D. Seligman, of the Ninth Coast Defense command.

RECOMMENDS INVESTIGATION OF HIGH PRICES IMMEDIATELY.

Governor Willis Delivers Final Message to Ohio Assembly.

Columbus, O., Jan. 1.—In his message to the 82nd Ohio general assembly, which convened today, Governor Willis, the retiring governor, recommended an immediate investigation of the high cost of living in Ohio and suggested the establishment of a state bureau of markets. Recommending abolition of useless offices and sinecures, Governor Willis said: "My brief experience as a state official has convinced me that Ohio is over-officered and over-inspected and that the people and business of Ohio, are being inspected to death."

Former Governor James E. Cox, now Democratic governor-elect, will be inaugurated January 8th.

MRS. HENRY OVERMAN DEAD.

Goldsboro Woman Passes Away After Being Confined Several Years.

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 1.—The death of Mrs. Henry Overman, who has been an invalid for several years, occurred at her home in this city last night, shortly after 7 o'clock. She is survived by her husband and several children, and her mother, Mrs. H. E. Green. The funeral was held from the home on Carolina street this afternoon, and was largely attended, interment being made in Willow Dale cemetery.

Rats Spread DEATH

Think of the possibility of a filthy, disease carrying rat coming in contact with the food you eat! Kill your rats in self defense.

RAT CORN
Trade Mark Reg U S Pat Off

is sure death to rats and mice but harmless to humans. Dries the rat up without decay or odor.

25c, 50c and $1.00 at Drug, Hardware Seed and General Stores.

ACADEMY
Mat. and Night, Sat., Jan. 6. Prices Night, 50, 75, $1.00. Mat., 25, 50c. Tickets Thursday at Elvington's.
THE STARTLING SENSATIONAL THRILLING 4 ACT MELODRAMA
A LITTLE GIRL IN A BIG CITY
THE STORY OF WHAT HAPPENED TO AN INNOCENT YOUNG GIRL FROM THE COUNTRY WHO CAME TO NEW YORK IN SEARCH OF EMPLOYMENT
No Children Under 16 Admitted.

Bon Marche
Incorporated.
"Dry Goods of Quality"

Begin the New Year Shopping Early

We have been receiving numerous shipments of choice new merchandise for the last ten days. We have been holding this merchandise up on account of the holiday business and because we wished to finish our inventory by the first of the year. We will show from day to day a choice selection of these new goods, and we advise you to make us a call as often as you have the time to spare. From now on new shipments will continue to arrive, and we will show the women of Wilmington the very best selection of dry goods that it is possible to procure. Many goods have been bought in advance, in order to get the very best prices, and we assure you that our prices will compare favorably with those asked in the larger cities.

Do You Buy From Mail Order Houses?

We understand that there are numerous women in this city who order their goods from the large mail order houses. We will be glad to have them come in and look our line over before sending their orders away, and sending their money out of town. We guarantee that you will find our line equal and in many cases superior to any of the big mail order houses, besides you see what you are buying, and you always get value received, when trading here.

Big Special Sale of White Goods Starts Soon

We will put on special sales of white goods in a short while, as we are planning them out now, and we kindly ask that you watch our ads., which will appear soon.

Clearance Sale on Second Floor Continues

Our big clearance sale of suits, dresses and coats continues this week. The prices on these are way below their real value, but we must clear them out, in order to make room for our spring goods, which are already beginning to arrive.

Suits at One-Half Off Their Regular Price.
Coats at One-Third Off Their Regular Price.
Dresses at One-Half Off Their Regular Price.
Blankets and Comforts at Ten Off Today.

DR. W. T. PAUL TAKES OWN LIFE AT SOLDIERS' HOME

J. E. Clark Goes With Raleigh Times—New Teller of Treasury.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 1. — J. E. Clark, formerly of the Charlotte Observer, became news editor of the Raleigh Times today. He has been news editor of the Raleigh morning paper several months.

State Treasurer B. R. Lacy announces the appointment of Homer Peele, now cashier of the Bank of Pamlico, Bayboro, as teller of the State Treasury, succeeding A. H. Arrington, who goes into the grocery business.

At the Soldiers' Home today, Dr. W. T. Paul, aged 69 years, took his own life by shooting himself through the heart. He had been in the Home since March, coming from Pitt county. He served with Company E, Fifth battalion of reserves, in the Civil war. The remains will be sent to Beaufort Tuesday.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 1.—Local ministers of both branches of the Methodist Episcopal church held a largely attended meeting here today and unanimously decided that a union of the two divisions of the church was desirable. All ministers were agreed that so far as this section is concerned, they can see no reason for further division. They expressed themselves as willing, however, to leave the matter with the commissioners now considering the question at Baltimore.

ASK FOR and GET
HORLICK'S
THE ORIGINAL
MALTED MILK
Cheap substitutes cost YOU same price.

GOWANS
Positively Relieves Colds, Croup, Pneumonia
25c, 50c, $1.00 AT DRUGGISTS

GRAND
Metro Quality Pictures Present
THE WONDERFUL ACTRESS
MABEL TALIAFERO
In a Marvelous Film Version of
"GOD'S HALF ACRE"
A Metro Wonderplay in Six Solid Reels of Sensations.

ROYAL
AGAIN TODAY
POSITIVELY
The Biggest Show of the Season
GARDNER & LAWSON'S
HELLO SOUTHLAND REVUE
A Mixture of All That the Amusement Public Enjoys.
EIGHT GREAT VAUDEVILLE AND SPECIALTY NUMBERS.
A REAL TALENTED DANCING AND SINGING CHORUS OF PRETTY GIRLS.

BIJOU
The Final Grand Chapter of
THE SEQUEL TO
"The Diamond From the Sky"
Revealing All the Mysteries and the Final Solution; Also Revealing and Showing the Winner of the
$10,000.00 Prize
Wallace Reid
For the First Time Playing Opposite His Beautiful Wife, Dorothy Davenport, in
"The Wrong Heart"
"I'm Your Husband"
A Roaring Nestor Comedy Scream

CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG
The Screen's Most Wonderful Artiste
IN THE SUPREME SCREEN EVENT OF THE YEAR.
"The Common Law"
—BY—
Robert W. Chambers

An Eight Reel Super-Picture of Undeniable Frankness Revealing Life in the Art Studios of New York.
MATINEE . . . 3:30
NIGHT . . . 8:30
ADULTS . . . 25c
CHILDREN . . 15c
VICTORIA
TODAY
LAST TIME

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ADVERTISING RATES may be had on application, and advertisers may rest assured that through the columns of this paper they may reach all Wilmington, Eastern Carolina and contiguous territory in South Carolina. Obituary sketches, cards of thanks, communications espousing the cause of a private enterprise or a political candidate, and like matter, will be charged at the rate of 10 cents per line, to persons carrying a regular account, or, if paid cash in advance, a half rate will be allowed. Announcements of fairs, festivals, balls, hops, picnics, excursions, society meetings, political meetings, etc., will be charged under the same conditions, except so much thereof as may be of news value to the readers of the paper, in the discretion of the editors.

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THE WILMINGTON STAR CO.

TUESDAY, JANUARY, 2, 1917.

TOP O' THE MORNING.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. —HEBREWS 12: 1.

Diplomacy and publicity soon part.

Confidence is a great thing till it finally gets the shake.

Well, take care of yourself. They'll be after you the same's last year.

The criticism of President Wilson's latest note in behalf of peace shows that some people never did understand diplomacy enough to keep their mouths shut.

One way to help Wilmington industries is to patronize them all the time and see that they are sufficiently financed to be made a success. Lots of worthy enterprises are allowed to starve in nearly every community.

The Jacksonville Times-Union philosopher says 'it is love that counts." Yes, and it counts mighty close at that and wants to know what in the world becomes of that thirty cents every week since prohibition set in.

Those Buncombe commissioners haven't fallen far short of stirring up something in the private sale of a $200,000 county bond issue. People in Asheville now seem convinced that somebody besides Tom Lawson knew about that alleged peace note "leak".

One of the signs that there are deep-laid, dark and sinister plots in the speculation centers is that old man Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston plunger, has again rushed into the market for a scoop. They used to get his copper, but every now and then he comes back and gets somebody's goat.

As a protest against her last or latest or most recent arrest, Sylvia Pankhurst went on a hunger strike. When we starve ourselves under the idea that it is a way to get even with our enemies, somebody had better come along with the calf rope and head us off. There is more horse sense in kicking yourself gently than there is in denying yourself the eats.

The Maxton Scottish Chief has moved into the second story of the McLean Block and the removal has taken place during the holidays so the Chief can make its 1917 debut from the new office. Editor W. B. Harker will have plenty of room to spread himself and we guess he will increase his facilities for getting out his paper, even though we don't see how he could improve it without working himself to death.

Some of the papers that so severely criticised Mr. Daniels' naval policy are now boasting that under their "chastisement" the Secretary has "changed" his mind. There's some real humor in imagining that one Josephus Daniels would heed the exhortations of anti-administration journals whose real support is vituperation. He is the same "Jo" Daniels who used to chuckle at the tirades of his political enemies "down home". Josephus pursued the even tenor of his way but his critics pursued him and got left.

President Wilson may not feel quite sure what kind of trouble it is that this country has wanted to get into during the last two years, but he is satisfied that the country is willing for a few adventurers to get us into trouble in either Europe or Mexico or both, or any other old where. Some of the bullies in this country have queer ideas about the right and power of this country to interfere with and regulate things "anywhere" on earth, but they won't be satisfied till a dickens of a fight is on for somebody else to fight.

SHOULD RESTORE THE SERVICE

The Raleigh News and Observer of Sunday prints an illuminating article showing that both the Southern Railway and the Atlantic Coast Line during the year 1916 scored increases of more than 40 per cent., in their net earnings in North Carolina over the net for the year 1915—or to be exact the increase for the Southern was 41.5 per cent., and for the Coast Line 42.7 per cent.

This is, of course, gratifying to the management of these splendid roads and to the people they serve, but the News and Observer uses these figures upon which to predicate a demand for a two-cent passenger fare in North Carolina, which may or may not be significant in connection with the early convening of the State Legislature.

The two cent passenger fare would, no doubt, be very agreeable to the public, but we believe that the people just now should be far better pleased were these railroads to restore the passenger service on their lines, which was in effect prior to the outbreak of the European war. The majority of the people served by the Coast Line in this section of the State would certainly prefer restoration of service to a lowering of rates for passengers. But if the railroads continue to refuse to restore the service, in spite of the assurances given at the time the trains were discontinued, why, the people it would appear to us, should enjoy some of the fruits of this prosperity, which they have made possible, in a lower passenger rate.

At present people living along the Atlantic & Yadkin division of the Atlantic Coast Line and those along the Wilmington-Newbern division are worrying along with a triweekly service that was substituted for a daily service at the outbreak of the war, and they naturally are chafing under the delay of the Atlantic Coast Line in "making good" on the assurances given at the time these trains were taken off. In the light of the fine showing now made, they certainly seem to be entitled to either service or a lower passenger rate, as is indicated by the article in the Raleigh paper.

WHY THE BOOST?

The most important factor in developing the resources of any section are its railroads, but the best advantage they can give their territory is to provide it with the facilities and service that count for progress. No city or community can develop unless it has the opportunity to do so, and certainly its best opportunity lies in transportation and the means at its disposal for more than ordinary distribution.

A city or town that becomes isolated by means of negligible railroad service surely will take on the aspect of a cemetery, because of the fact that there is nothing to inspire activity or effort on the part of its citizens and certainly no energized factor that would induce live men to hunt up a dead place as a location for either their families or industries. The potential factors in the adaptability of Wilmington for becoming a manufacturing center are her rail and water advantages for distribution, yet, neither railways nor deep water can be considered available factors unless there be the facilities and equipment for distribution.

Railroads without passenger and freight trains and an ocean highway without steamship service cannot alone be considered strong factors for practical development. This is a matter upon which Wilmington and its carrying concerns must get together before the boosters can boost. A booster can't boost a thing unless he has something to boost.

Wilmington's strong point is that it can be made a distributing point, but if there are not the means for distribution, what do mere advantages amount to when the facilities are lacking?

We can make Wilmington a great distributing point, but we can't do it without the rail and water carriers. All water and no ships to go somewhere, and all rails and no schedule to get us somewhere, are only intangible assets. They have to be made available by something more than hot air.

WILMINGTON IN 1917

The new year has made its advent and brings with it a period of prosperity never before recorded in the history of this country. While the peoples of the greater portion of Europe are suffering the pangs of war the people of America revel in peace and plenty. Every line of industry, every line of commerce, financial institutions—business of virtually every conceivable description—are flush with the fruits of a nation which has chosen to steer clear of conflict.

Various cities and towns of the country have planned, far ahead, for taking advantage of the opportunities presented by the extraordinary situation that now presents itself. They have already taken advantage and profited in a measure but have resolved to profit even at a greater ratio. Wilmington has reaped a part of the country's prosperity in the past year or more, but it has been comparatively a trifle. The harvest should have been many times greater. The city has neglected to take advantage—has lain dormant, enshrouded in inertia, accepting the mite of prosperity thrust upon it without reaching out to grasp the larger morsel that might have been had for the mere taking.

The business organizations of the city, it is true, have planned and boosted. There have been meetings and speeches and discussions—but oratorical fantasy figured largely. Most of the plans were empty and the boosting flighty. The business men have expressed willingness for people with for eign capital to come to the city and invest in industries but they themselves have given evidence of but slight inclination to "boost" with their own wealth. If the city does not express material confidence in enterprises with in its bounds it need not expect outsiders to have confidence. Such stable plans as were made during the old year appear now to have been cast aside and flourishing business that might have been a reality is only a dream.

What will Wilmington do during 1917?

GETTING SOMETHING OR OTHER.

Columbia, having been designated as the location of the district land bank for North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, has become inspired to zealous efforts to get one of those government plants for the fixation of atmospheric nitrogen. The chamber of commerce of that city has called a mass meeting to take up the latter matter and make a campaign for it.

Columbia is one of many Southern cities which get a great booster move on them now and then, but these campaigns are all scheduled with the idea that industries seeking locations "somewhere" can be induced to locate in a city which is boosting itself by inviting industries. Southern cities have wasted about thirty years of that kind of boosting and they seem to be starting out anew on the same old tack. Meanwhile cities are faking themselves by that same old get something for nothing plan, while fake advertisers are coming along and pulling them for more of the so-called publicity that is eagerly paid for under the mistake that it will do the town good.

As a matter of fact, the advertising of atmosphere and climate and all descriptions of indefinite things that are supposed to constitute publicity, is worth about as much in the building of a city as any other form of imagination. Really, there are not very many enterprises that any city can get without paying well for them, but there is a way for each community to take advantage of its local resources and potentialities for making industrial cities of themselves.

We notice that Southern cities are again advertising extensivley in Northern magazines, but in the whole dozen of such advertisements there is not a single definite proposition. The space is paid for and filled with little or nothing but space, for that class of advertising is supposed to appeal to certain industrial movements, when there are none such at all. Southern cities have tried that plan too long to be fooled by it any more, but the same old game is going to be played right over again. It gets nothing.

Right now Columbia is after a definite proposition but what definite proposition has Columbia got to make herself?

COMMISSION GOVERNMENT

We commend Representative Clayton Grant for the strong hold he has taken already in favor of the real form of commission government for the City of Wilmington, which has been a hobby of ours for a number of years, but we think he should take the public a little further into his confidence and before having enacted a law that will completely revolutionize the local government, he should have his bill published in full; the people should know the men they are to have appointed to rule over them; the length of their service and whether or not in the approaching May election the voters will have a right to say who these men are to be. Or, perhaps, before he has his bill to go into effect, he should give the people of Wilmington an opportunity of saying at the polls whether or not they wish the form of government which he proposes and which, we presume, they will be given some time to digest before having it placed upon them.

The commission form that Mr. Grant has conceived seems to be ideal. It has worked well and given excellent results in Greensboro, Asheville and perhaps other towns and cities. It makes for centralized authority and responsibility. It is the kind of Commission government so strongly urged by the National Bureau of Municipal Research, but we hope the success of this ideal government will not be jeopardized by a failure to give the people themselves an opportunity of expressing themselves on it as early as is practicable, or by making the appointments from Raleigh for a longer period than the next regular city election in the early spring.

No doubt Mr. Grant has carefully considered these matters and these remarks may be superfluous, but the people should as early as practicable be given as many of the details of his plan as may be germane. The Star has asked Mr. Grant for a copy of the bill as soon as it is prepared and it hopes to be able to publish it on the morning following the day of its introduction.

Oregon has a town named Umatilla, but a bachelor says it sounds very much to him as if it had been named after some old fashioned lady. As a matter of fact, it is a regular woman town, for its mayor, recorder, treasurer tax collector and four members of city council all are women. Well, Umatilla may have a great future before it, but men are sure to take it to be a soft drink town at present.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Last year Texas planted 300,000 acres in peanuts. The acreage will this year be increased to 500,000. This is because the people of Texas have found that there is money in the peanut. The farmers are giving their experiences through the newspapers, one of them reporting a profit of $5,559 from 125 acres.—Charlotte Observer.

While the banks of our city advertise for members for the Christmas Saving Clubs—and while in a measure it is a private commercial proposition, it becomes broader and is of community interest. The fact that Greensboro people had saved something over a hundred thousand dollars and therefore had money to spend on Christmas Day which otherwise they would not have had, causes us to feel that every citizen should make it his duty to exploit the savings plan, and help, not only the banks, but the individuals.—Greensboro Record.

The evidence at hand is that a packing plant would be a good thing for Raleigh and all the section of North Carolina which would be in reach of such a plant in this city. Steps are being taken to have the matter of the establishment of a packing plant presented fully to the people of this city and this section, and the meeting which is to be held this week with that view should be attended by every man who wants to do something to help Raleigh go forward. On Tuesday of this week the programme is to have a meeting at which men who know what they are talking about are to present the matter to the people of this city. The railroads are to have representatives here to show what aid the railroads will give. Practical talks on the business outlook of a packing plant are to be made. The time is ripe for doing something that will further aid this city and section. Interest and the spirit of co-operation should feature the meeting here on Thursday.—Raleigh News and Observer.

The difference between private ownership and government ownership is not altogether a matter of bookkeeping. Under private ownership of semi-public utilities capitalists who have money to invest take all the risks. Under government ownership the public takes all the risks. This was clearly shown by a recent report upon the venture of the city of Milwaukee in the establishment of a municipal lighting plant. When the voters of the city were called upon to decide whether or not there should be a municipal lighting plant less than 43,000 took the trouble to commit themselves, and 20,000 carried the day for the project. This handful of voters by their action committed the city to a municipal lighting system, when the price of materials is the highest on record. Now, with a plant not even approaching completion, the estimated cost has jumped $250,000. The engineers in charge of the work fear that the cost will be double the original estimates. This has also been the experience of the United States government. Building ships in navy yards has always been more expensive than the construction of similar ships in private yards. The government is likely to have the same experience with respect to armor plate. The public would be called upon to pay heavily for a system of government-owned railroads. Government, State and municipal ownership mean increased burdens of taxation. Economic waste, due to political interference, is almost certain to result. In some instances it is well for the government to do its own work, but there should never be any attempt to deceive the public by urging such ventures on the ground of economy.—Washington Post.

RICAUD SUGGESTS JOINT DISCUSSION.

To the Editor of The Star:

I understand that Councilman Jones exploits himself today in your issue anent the public meeting of Saturday night, and charges me, inferentially, but sufficiently definite for identification, with those present, with having made a statement regarding the efficiency of the plan of city government, which I suggested, which I made in reply to former Councilman Wood's inquiry, exactly the opposite of what I said.

I have not had an opportunity of reading his communication but will gladly do so, while responding to an urgent absence from the city of a few days, and will respectfully suggest to the Councilman, as an answer for the moment to his communication, that he and I meet in joint discussion, at some opportune time and place, as to the efficiency of the present city government. If he will furnish the audience I will do the rest. Respectfully,

A. G. RICAUD.

YOUNG FORGER PUNISHED.

Signed Names of Employers to Checks Amounting to Over $600.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 1.—Allen Blackwell, the 17-year-old boy who was arrested on the charge of forging the name of W. A. Steele and P. A. Hendricks, of the Asheville Printing & Engraving Company, to checks for over $600, was paroled in the custody of his father, who agrees to make good the losses of the printing company. Young Blackwell is to work with his father, being allowed $5 a week, which is to apply on the funds paid back by the father. The young man tried to bluff yesterday, stating that he had merely experimented in writing the checks and that Roy Ingle had cashed them without his knowledge. He later admitted that he and Ingle planned the forgery together and that they divided the funds between them. Young Blackwell had opened an account at one of the banks and was posing as a man of affairs among young friends.

OPEN NOSTRILS! END A COLD OR CATARRH

How To Get Relief When Head and Nose are Stuffed Up.

Count fifty! Your cold in head or catarrh disappears. Your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more snuffling, hawking, mucous discharge, dryness or headache; no struggling for breath at night.

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist and apply a little of this fragrant antiseptic cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothing and healing the swollen or inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Head colds and catarrh yield like magic. Don't stay stuffed-up and miserable. Relief is sure.

GOLDSBORO NEWS NOTES

Newspaper Man Goes to Raleigh—Mrs. W. L. Edgerton Dead

(Special Star Correspondence)

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 1.—Mr. Byron Ford, who for several months past has had charge of the Raleigh News and Observer's news bureau in this city, left this afternoon for Raleigh, where as formerly he will again be on the staff of that paper. During his stay in this city Mr. Ford made many warm friends, both among citizens and the newspaper fraternity of Goldsboro, by whom Mr. Ford was recognized as one best "quill pushers" in the profession, all of whom will regret to learn that he has again decided to make his home in Raleigh.

Under the auspices of the Goldsboro Womans Club, Miss Lessie Lindsey, one of the most noted pianists of the country, and Mr. Robt. Ray, also renowned as a violinist, will give an entertainment in this city Tuesday night of next week.

News reached this city today announcing the death of Mrs. W. L. Edgerton last Saturday at her country home several miles from Goldsboro. She was a graduate of Guilford College and for several years before her marriage was a teacher in the schools of this part of the state. She is survived by her husband and eight children, Messrs. H. H. and H. L. Edgerton, of Pikesville, Leroe and Z. L. Edgerton, of Fremont, Mrs. E. J. Pearson, of Pikeville; Misses Bertha and Sophronia Edgerton, of Fayetteville, and Maude Edgerton, of Biltmore.

THREE GOVERNORS TO SPEAK.

Notable Persons to Attend Lincoln Memorial Celebration.

New York, Jan. 1.—The governors of Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee, the three states whose borders meet at Cumberland Gap, will deliver addresses of welcome to the notable men and women who are expected to attend the memorial celebration of Lincoln Memorial University, Cumberland Gap, Tenn, February 10, 11 and 12, it was announced here tonight.

Among the educators who have accepted invitations to be present at the ceremonies are the presidents of Roanoke College, Wesleyan University; Georgetown University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, University of Kentucky, University of South Carolina, Carthage College and Moores Hill College. All phases of Lincoln's life and work will be disussed by the speakers.

Dr. John Wesley Hill, chancellor of the University, said tonight plans had been made to run a special train from New York to Cumberland Gap for the memorial.

DRINK HOT WATER IF YOU DESIRE A ROSY COMPLEXION

Says we can't help but look better and feel better after an inside bath.

To look one's best and feel one's best is to enjoy an inside bath each morning to flush from the system the previous day's waste, sour fermentations and poisonous toxins before it is absorbed into the blood. Just as coal, when it burns, leaves behind a certain amount of incombustible material in the form of ashes, so the food and drink taken each day leave in the alimentary organs a certain amount of indigestible material, which if not eliminated, form toxins and poisons which are then sucked into the blood through the very ducts which are intended to suck in only nourishment to sustain the body.

If you want to see the glow of healthy bloom in your cheeks, to see your skin get clearer and clearer, you are told to drink every morning upon arising, a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, which is a harmless means of washing the waste material and toxins from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels, thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary tract, before putting more food into the stomach.

Men and women with sallow skins, liver spots, pimples or pallid complexion, also those who wake up with a coated tongue, bad taste, nasty breath, others who are bothered with headaches, bilious spells, acid stomach or constipation, should begin this phosphated hot water drinking and are assured of very pronounced results in one or two weeks.

A quarter pound of limestone phosphate costs very little at the drug store but is sufficient to demonstrate that just as soap and hot water cleanses, purifies and freshens the skin on the outside, so hot water and limestone phosphate act on the inside organs. We must always consider that internal sanitation is vastly more important than outside cleanliness, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, while the bowel pores do.

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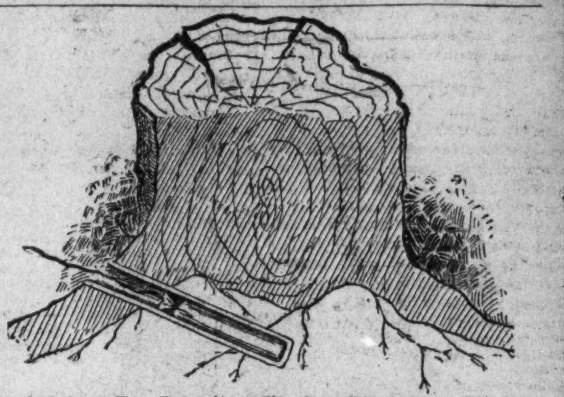

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NOTED SCREEN STAR IN CITY YESTERDAY

Miss Rose Tapley, of Vitagraph Co., Paid Wilmington a Visit.

Expresses Her Views as to Future of the Silent Drama—Spoke at Victoria and Grand Theatres, and Attended Banquet.

That the public should realize the wonderful opportunities of motion pictures, and express their approval at the box offices is the opinion of Miss Rose Tapley, noted leading lady of the Vitagraph Company, who spent yesterday in Wilmington as the guest of the Howard-Wells Amusement Company.

Miss Tapley spoke enthusiastically of the future of the silent drama, and of the vital place it is beginning to take in the nation's educational advancement, when seen by a Star representative at the Orton hotel yesterday afternoon.

"The motion picture industry is but in its infancy," said the distinguished actress, "and the opportunities it offers are wonderful. It is through the public alone that the campaign for strong stories with a vital moral point can be finally consummated."

Miss Tapley told of the efforts that are being made by the Vitagraph and other companies to eliminate the so-called "purple films," It was her candid opinion that the only way that this could eventually be accomplished is by the public going to the box offices and in this way putting their stamp of approval on the plays that bring home to the spectator a vital moral point.

Asked if the purpose of her tour was to make war on the "purple film," Miss Tapley replied: "No, the primary purpose of my visit is to snow the people the advantages and benefits to be derived from the clean, virile plays, the others will die out of their own accord."

The famous star pointed out that different pictures are needed for children and adults. What the adults need in this line, according to Miss Tapley, is the drama of red blooded, elevating type, that will indelibly stamp on the minds of the spectators the moral point that it is intended to convey.

Questioned as to the feasibility of introducing motion pictures into the schools as a means of instruction in history, geography, etc., Miss Tapley said that she doubted the success of the plans, if it is intended to exhibit the reels in the school room. A better plan she suggested, and one that in her opinion should be highly successful, is to have special educational matinees on Friday and Saturday afternoons, at the regular theatres for the benefit of the school children.

Miss Tapley scored the motion picture censors, and characterized their efforts as being worse than useless. "Why, would you believe this?" she asked, "Who do you suppose is behind the censorship boards?" After the representative of the press had expressed dire ignorance as to this point, the charming actress informed him: "The liquor interests."

"And in what way can the liquor interests benefit their cause, through the medium of the censorship?" queried the interviewer.

"In this way," was the reply. "They take a film that is intended to present a strong realistic story, with a vital moral point and so change and chop it up that when it is presented, it is uninteresting and the men will watch it a while and then say with a yawn, 'Let's get a drink'.

"The liquor interests are fighting the motion pictures" continued Miss Tapley, "because it is more and more drawing away from its snares the men and youths who formerly were regular habitues of the saloons."

In conclusion Miss Tapley pointed out that it is the people alone in whose hands rests the fight for better and cleaner pictures. "And they can't do it by sitting in their rooms and tatting and gossiping about it, but only by going to the shows and there by their presence show the class of pictures and dramas that they stand for," said the actress.

Miss Tapley was met at the train yesterday by delegations from many of the women's clubs of the city. A luncheon was given in her honor at the Orton hotel yesterday afternoon by Mrs. James Howard and Mrs. Percy W. Wells. She made short addresses at the Victoria and Grand theatres, at both the afternoon and evening performances. She also attended the banquet given by the amusement company to its employes last night.

The distinguished visitor expressed herself as being charmed with Wilmington, and was especially enthusiastic over the natural beauty of Greenfield Lake.

Miss Tapley lives up to her reputation as one of the most beautiful screen stars in America, and is possessed of a peculiarly charming personality. There is about her a quaint suggestion of the old South (she is a Virginian by birth) such as is impressed on the visitor among the belles of Richmond or Charleston.

JARVIS-AYCOCK PLATES ARE DELIVERED TO SUPT. BLAIR.

Will be Placed Under Bas Reliefs in Auditorium of High School.

Superintendent of City Schools J. J. Blair received from Mr. H. E. Bonitz yesterday the two handsomely engraved plates which will be placed under the plaster paris bas-relief tablets which were recently presented to the High School by himself and Mr. J. H. Niggel, Jr. The foregoing tablets are copies of the marble tablets of former Governors Aycock and Jarvis, which were executed by a famous Italian sculptor and placed in the Greenville High School, of which Mr. Bonitz was the architect. The plates are engraved with the names of the State's famous champions of an improvd public school system, and also an excerpt from the last will and testament of Governor Jarvis and one from the last speech made by Governor Aycock, as follows:

"Thomas Jordan Jarvis, 1836-1915. Intelligence and virtue mark the standing of any people, State and Nation, and I would, therefore, urge the people to press the education of their children far beyond anything heretofore attempted."

"Charles Brantley Aycock, 1859-1912. "You cannot get the best for your boy and girl until you are ready to give the best to my boy and girl."

FEW ARRESTS IN DECEMBER

Police Report Shows That Fewer Arrests Were Made Than in Christmas Month of Many Years.

The report of the police department for the month of December, shows a slight increase in the number of arrests over November, but is one of the best in the history of the department for Christmas. The report shows that 150 persons, 113 of whom were colored, were caught in the drag nets of justice, during the closing month of the year, as against 124 for November.

Sergeant G. W. Smith said yesterday that in the old days when King Booze held sway in Wilmington that the arrests at Christmas alone nearly equalled the total number for the month last year. Larceny was the favorite misdemeanor last month, 25 persons succumbing to its wiles, while vagrancy with 23 ran it a close second. Disorderly conduct with 22 arrests was third on the list.

With three exceptions the colored offenders lead in each particular offense. The three exceptions were among the drunks, where the paler faced "tanks" led with 10 to 3, and in housebreaking, and violations of the driving ordinance. In both the latter it was a dead heat, 5 to 5 in the first case, and 7 to 7 in the second. The complete record follows:

	White	Colored
Drunk	10	3
Disorderly Conduct	4	18
Assault	0	4
Assault with Deadly Weapon	1	6
Assault on Female	1	4
Carrying Concealed Weapons	0	7
Gambling	0	6
Vagrancy	2	21
Larceny	6	19
House Breaking	5	5
Running Disorderly House	0	8
Violation Driving Ord.	7	7
Violation Prohibition Ord.	1	5
Totals	37	113

CAPACITY HOUSES SEE "THE COMMON LAW" AT VICTORIA

Production Starring Clara Kimball Young Will be Shown Again Today.

Robert W. Chambers wrote a great book when he gave to the world "The Common Law," Clara Kimball Young gave to the same world a most wonderful motion picture when she visualized for the screen a wonderfully realistic version of this story, which was presented at the Victoria theatre to capacity crowds yesterday, matinee and night, and will be on today again for the last times.

Reaching a height of emotional acting that at times appeared to reach into the very clouds of heaven; sublimely interpreting the tender lines in Chambers' great story of studio life in New York City; registering to a degree of perfection achieved by few screen stars the various human emotions—grief, joy, degradation—Miss Young has indeed achieved what appears, at the present time, to be her supreme screen triumph in "The Common Law."

Probably never was a motion picture presented in Wilmington with the exception of "The Birth of a Nation" which was received with such loud praise as fell to "The Common Law" yesterday, and the consensus of opinion is that Miss Young's work in her next picture, "The Foolish Virgin," by that noted author, Thomas Dixon, will of necessity, not rival, even if it equals, her wonderful work in "The Common Law."

NEW WILMINGTON AGENCY

District Headquarters for Insurance Company To Locate Here

Mr. J. A. Gallion, of Greensboro, arrived in the city yesterday and will open this district for the Business Men's Mutual Life Casualty Co., of Greensboro. Offices have been opened in the Garrel building and a general line of insurance will be sold.

Mr. Gallion is no stranger to Wilmington. For some time past he was general inspector of the American Life Insurance Co. with Wilmington as headquarters, and until recently was traveling auditor for the Gate City Insurance Co., and is well known in insurance circles throughout the South. Mr. and Mrs. Gallion will make Wilmington their home and will receive a warm welcome from their many friends.

This is a company controlled entirely by North Carolina capital and Wilmington will be the headquarters for this section of the State. The general headquarters are in Greensboro.

—A negro boy named Rowe was struck in the temple by a rock thrown by the discharge of a charge of powder that had been rammed into a section of steam pipe, shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The accident occurred on Red Cross street.

"PRINCE OF PILSEN" PLEASES

Popular Musical Comedy of Tuneful Melodies Drew Big Crowd Last Night at the Academy.

Tuneful melodies, pretty chorus girls and that prince of American comedians, Charles Horn, with his wit, humor and splendid acting in "The Prince of Pilsen" which filled matinee and evening engagements at the Academy of Music yesterday, delighted large audiences of Wilmington theatre-goers at both performances.

Charles Horne, a comedian of distinctly individual methods, acted the role of Hans Wagner, the German brewer, gave a masterful characterization of the jolly brewer traveling abroad.

Estella Birney as the wily and roguish widow to whom the jolly brewer finally capitulates; Geo. L. Myers, the temperamental Francois of the Hotel International; Edward T. Mora, the Prince of Pilsen; Irene Duke, Dorothy Delmore and Frank McEwen, who also appeared in prominent roles, acted their parts well and were given many encores.

The City Girls, the Bathing Girls and Golf Girls, together with the Heidelberg students, scored in a number of fine songs, such as "Keep It Dark," "The Song of the Cities" and "The Message of the Violet."

EXPECTS TO GIVE CITY THE COMMISSION FORM

Representative L. Clayton Grant Will Introduce Bill.

New Hanover Member of General Assembly Also Proposes to Increase Number of Members of County Board of Education

Wilmington will soon have a real commission form of municipal government with a mayor in charge, who will be assisted in the administration of the city's affairs by two commissioners, if Representative L. Clayton Grant succeeds in getting a bill through the present session of the General Assembly for an amended charter.

Representative Grant also proposes to have five members of the New Hanover Board of Education, but was unable last night to state positively that he would introduce such a bill, as he will await the action of the Democratic caucus in Raleigh tonight, before determining upon what course he will pursue. Representative Grant left last night for Raleigh in order to be on hand today for the preliminary work to be done before the convening of the General Assembly tomorrow.

Representative Grant has been asked for a copy of the bill he proposes to introduce in the Legislature providing for a commission form of government in order that it may be published for the information of the citizens here. While he outlined yesterday the general nature of the bill he expects to introduce, he did not have a copy of the bill drafted but will doubtless have it in shape early this week, as there is now but little time in which to have it enacted into law, if he carries out his present intentions.

Representative Grant made it clear before leaving that he would be glad to receive suggestions from any citizen of New Hanover during the sessions of the Legislature. For the next sixty days his address will be the House of Representatives in Raleigh. He declared before leaving that he would be glad to have as many of the people of Wilmington visit him as desire to do so and that he would give them as much of his time as possible.

The Representative considers that he has given ample and sufficient notice of what he proposes to do and he is convinced that the people of Wilmington want a change in the form of city government. He called the mass meeting on Saturday night for the specific purpose of finding out what the people desired in the way of legislation. The several hundred men present went on record as favoring a commission form of government. Those favoring a return to the aldermanic form with a board on audit and finance were in the minority few, if any, expressed a liking for the present form.

At the mass meeting W. F. Mangum Turner, Esq., introduced a resolution endorsing the commission form of government and petitioning the Representative and Senator from this district to secure the passage of an amended charter giving the city of Wilmington this form of government.

This resolution was not adopted but a substitute, introduced by A. G. Rice, Esq., asking for a form of commission government with a mayor and three commissioners to be elected from the city at large, was accepted by Mr. Turner and was adopted by a large majority.

Representative Grant believes, however, that a mayor and two comissioners will be sufficient to look after the administrative affairs of the city. He would have them selected from the city at large and will also provide the amount of salaries they are to receive and the length of time they are to serve. In order to make the new form effective, on passage he will also name the mayor and the two commissioners, who are to serve until an election can be held.

As the constitutional amendments become effective on January 10th, the charter would necessarily have to be amended within the first six days of the General Assembly. Mr. Grant hopes to be able to have this done. Mr. Grant proposes to have this bill introduced immediately and considers that he is amply justified in doing this as wide publicity was given to the calling of the mass meeting and the purpose for which it was called. He feels that since a big majority expressed a desire for the commission form that it is his duty as a representative of the people to have this bill passed. He is thoroughly convinced that the people want a change.

Mr. Grant would have the real commission form, such as Greensboro now has and which from all reports has proven highly successful, and he would abolish ward lines in order that the entire city may have a voice in the administration of its affairs. He would limit the terms of office to two years as he thinks frequent elections are the best guarantees of efficient administration.

He feels that capable men should be chosen and for this reason takes no stock in the argument advanced that long terms should be provided in order to have trained men in charge of the city's affairs. Mr. Grant believes in having trained men but feels that they should be trained before coming into the service of the city. He also believes that the mayor should be given ample authority in order to see that every department is kept up to its highest efficiency. He would also have the mayor and commissioners heavily bonded so that they may be counted on to give their best efforts to efficient administration.

Representative Grant has felt for some time that there should be five men on the Board of Education and he expects to use his efforts to have this done, if it meets with the approval of his colleagues in the Legislature. In interviews through the papers, Mr. Grant has spoken of other legislation he thinks will prove beneficial and as stated, will be very glad to receive suggestions from anyone interested. He made it clear before leaving that will welcome such suggestions and will give them earnest consideration.

—Among the arrivals at the Orton yesterday were: E. A. Denny, High Point; B. C. Campbell, Greensboro; H. S. Underwood, N. O'Berry, Goldsboro; J. F. Bussells, Southport; E. J. Hill, J. F. Woodward, Warsaw.

WERE AGREEABLY SURPRISED

Wilmington Soldier Boys on Mexican Border Enjoyed Christmas—Corporal Fryer Writes.

That the boys of the Wilmington Engineer Company, as well as the guardsmen of the Second North Carolina regiment, on the Mexican border, were agreeably surprised Christmas morning when they discovered that old Santa Claus had made a trip all the way from their home station to El Paso, is the statement of Corporal Jas. E. Fryer, of Company G, Second regiment, in a letter to The Star, which was received yesterday.

Corporal Fryer's letter shows that the local guardsmen are doing their duty well, and are gradually getting used to the queer climatic conditions which prevail when a "Texas norther" or wind blizzard is experienced. Since more adequate means of heating and fires have been provided, he states, they are quite comfortable and happy, although many of them are hoping to be ordered back home by the first of March. The letter follows:

"The boys on the border were most agreeably surprised when they awoke early Christmas morning and found that old Santa Claus had made a visit all the way from Wilmington, to bring them their Christmas gifts.

"Believe me, they had a joyous time, although the packages were not distributed before dinner. All the boys were anxious for the mess call to sound, so they could get the surprise gifts. At 12 o'clock the dust was blowing awfully hard, and the bugle sounded mess call. The boys rushed to mess hall and lined up for dinner, and when the door opened they all went in and were served with turkey, oranges, apples and nuts. They certainly had a grand time.

"After dinner the packages were given out, and the boys certainly did appreciate them. Returning to their tents they opened them. It seemed for a while as if the dust would ruin Christmas, but they soon forgot all about it in celebrating and having a jolly time.

"It is now 5 P. M., and the wind is blowing at the rate of 65 miles an hour, and it seems like sometimes it was going to blow the tents away, but now the Tar Heel boys are getting fixed up for winter, as they are building their winter quarters very rapidly.

"We are all hoping to be back home by the first of March, or before then. We are looking forward to a good time New Year's day, but there is one thing that is very scarce, and that is fireworks. The boys, however, shoot their guns for fireworks, but they have just about shot away all their ammunition, and they are wondering what they are going to do in order to welcome the New Year with the right amount of noise. Christmas Eve all the boys were shooting their rifles, and it sounded like a young war. They were a little afraid of being called to arms, however, so about 10 P. M. they ceased firing.

"All of us have been given ten days off from duty, and we have planned for a swell time. I forgot to say that we received the presents through the Engineer boys, and we are all sending many thanks to the ladies of Wilmington for their kindness."

MEDICAL MEMBERS ELECTED.

Board of Health Chose Dr. Slocum and Dr. Wessell.

Dr. Robert B. Slocum and Dr. John C. Wessell were re-elected as medical members of the Board of Health at its meeting in the court house yesterday morning. Under the existing statutes the board is required to meet on the first Monday of January of each odd year for the purpose of electing medical members. The committee from the board in charge of this department of the work is composed of Mayor F. Q. Moore, Prof. Washington Catlett and Mr. W. A. McGirt.

The entire board will meet next Monday morning for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. Among the officers that will be elected at this meeting will be a superintendent of health, assistant superintendent of health, food inspector, plumbing inspector, public nurse, and others.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MET.

New School Committeemen Appointed at Qurterly Session.

Mr. J. T. Sholar, of Winter Park, was appointed as school commissioner of Winter Park to succeed Mr. George C. Jackson, who resigned to become sheriff, and Mr. J. G. Register was appointed commissioner at Middle Sound, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Mr. E. N. Carney from the district, at the regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Education held yesterday morning.

The resignation of Mr. N. M. McEachern from the commission of the Williston Industrial school was also accepted. Members of the board present at the meeting yesterday were Woodus Kellum, Esq., and Messrs. J. G. L. Gieschen and B. Solomon. Prof. Washington Catlett acted as secretary.

RECEIPTS TAKE BIG JUMP

Postmaster Green Reports Increase in Postal Revenues During Year of Approximately $10,000

An increase of approximately $10,000 in the receipts at the Wilmington postoffice for the year ending December 31, 1916, is reported by Postmaster H. McL. Green. The receipts for the past month amounted to $13,036.97.

This large increase in the revenues at the local postoffice during the year, according to Postmaster Green, is more significant than that of monthly increases, as it shows that the average percentage of increase for every month in the year was exceptionally good, while a single month might show an increase which would be followed by a decrease during the following month.

The receipts for the year ending December 31, 1916, aggregated $142,895.09, as compared with $133,557.02 for the same period of 1915. While the receipts for the quarter ending December 31, 1916, amounted to $37,821.51, as compared with $36,529.75 for the same period of 1915. The exact figure for the increase in revenues for 1916 over 1915 was $9,333.07.

Postmaster Green declares that the postal receipts are in a measure a good standard to estimate the business activity of the city. The good showing made reflects the greatly increased activity in business circles of the city during the year.

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BEN FRAZIER WAS MURDERED

So Says Jury After Taking Evidence In Case. —Think Negro Placed on Track After Death

The jury impannelled by Coroner A. S. Holden to conduct the inquest over the remains of Ben Frazier, the negro whose horribly mangled body was found on the tracks of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad near the Smith Creek yard early Sunday morning yesterday returned a verdict that Frazier came to his death at the hands of parties unknown, and his body afterward placed on the railroad tracks.

Charles Wiley and Dave Frederick, who were detained at police headquarters Sunday night as witnesses, were released yesterday. It was at first thought that they probably had guilty knowledge of the affair, but the evidence brought out at the inquest was insufficient to warrant their being held.

Dr. Arnold Stovall, county physician, who examined the body, found several suspicious appearing wounds on the head, which on investigation led him to believe that they were inflicted with some kind of a blunt instrument.

The skull was removed, and blood clots were found. Dr. Stoval stated that the body was evidently placed on the tracks after the victim had been either killed or rendered unconscious. He supported this story by the statement that no blood clots would have formed, had the wounds on the head been inflicted at the same time the body was mutilated by the train.

The head was entirely severed from the body, and as practically all the blood would run out as soon as the jugular vein was severed, it would have been impossible for the clots to have formed. It was Dr. Stovall's opinion that the negro was first rendered unconscious, and then placed on the tracks, the train actually causing his death. Members of the train crew, including Engineer S. A. Jones, and Switchman L. L. Bradshaw were also examined by Solicitor E. T. Burton.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

STRENGTHENS PUNY CHILDREN

—Dr. J. W. Tankersley, of Greensboro, who will reopen the Harper Sanitarium at Front and Castle streets, has arrived in the city. Mrs. Tankersley will join her husband in about two weeks.

SAYS BRITISH REPORT OF RIOTS IN HAMBURG FALSE

Berlin, Jan. 1 (via Sayville)—A report published by the London Express that a thousand persons were killed or wounded in riots in Hamburg on December 7, 8 and 9 is denied by the Overseas News Agency, which says: "At Hamburg this incident was absolutely unknown."

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This Special Offering is made to close out odd lots and does not include our plain Serge and Staple Suits. Suits and Coats placed on sale beginning Monday.

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Boys' $6.00 Cassimere Suits; doubled breast, plain back, at. $3.95
Boys' $7.50 Cassimere Suits; doubled breast, plain back, at. $4.95
Boys' $5.00 Norfolk Suits; Cassimere or worsted, at $3.95
Boys' $6.00 Norfolk Suits; Cassimere or worsted, at $4.95
Boys' $7.50 Norfolk Suits; Cassimere or worsted, at $5.95

BOYS' SCHOOL COATS AND MACKINAWS.

Boys' $5.00 Heavy Overcoats, all sizes, at $3.95
Boys' $7.50 Heavy Overcoats, large sizes, at $4.95
Boys' $3.50 and $4.00 Overcoats, at $2.95
Boys' $4.00 Mackinaw Coats at . . . $2.95
Juvenile $5.00 Overcoats, at $3.95
Juvenile Suits, ... $1.48 and up

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Boys' Shirts; the kind the boys like, at 50c

BELK-WILLIAMS COMP'Y

SOCIAL

The Inter Se Cotillion Club held a dnce at the country club last night.

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Miss Maggie Fennell, of Kerr, N. C., arrived Sunday night to spend a week with her aunt, Mrs. G. E. Megow.

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Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. James, who have been visiting friends in the city, returned last night to their home in Washington, D. C.

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Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Bear and son, Sidney, of New Haven, Conn., have arrived to spend some time with Mrs. S. A. Schloss, No. 212 North Fourth street.

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Miss Anna Graham Harris, of this city, assisted with the musical programme at the wedding of Miss Amy Winston and Mr. G. W. Carr, which took place in Raleigh Saturday.

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Miss Eliza Davis, who has been spending the Christmas holidays here, returned last night to Cambridge, Mass., where she is taking post graduate work in Radcliffe College.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. W. Bulluck on North Fourth street. All members are urged to attend and friends will be welcomed.

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The congregation of St. John's church extend a cordial invitation to the ministers of the city and their wives to attend an informal reception which will be given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Emmitt Gribbin this evening from 8 to 10 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. R. B. Davis, No. 207 Red Cross street.

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Capt. and Mrs. Theodore H. Koch and little daughter arrived in the city yesterday from California, en route to Fort Caswell. Captain Koch, who is a commissioned officer in the Coast Artillery Corps, U. S. A., has been recently transferred to Fort Caswell from Fort Barry near San Francisco, where he has been stationed for the past four years.

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Members of the parish of St. James' Episcopal church were entertained at a New Year reception at the home of the rector, Rev. Dr. William H. Milton, No. 711 Market street, last night. The rector and Mrs. Milton, assisted by the vestrymen and their wives, were in the receiving line. A delicious refreshment course was served. The congregation was well represented.

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WILMINGTON COUPLE ARE MARRIED IN MARION, S. C.

Friends of Miss Lottie Mae Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Davis, of No. 217 South Sixth street, and Mr. T. C. Thigpen, also of this city, were surprised yesterday to learn of their marriage Sunday night at 8:30 o'clock at Marion, S. C. The young couple left Wilmington Sunday afternoon, accompanied by Mr. Louis Harper.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Holliday, pastor of the Presbyterian church, at his residence in Marion. Mr. and Mrs. Thigpen returned to Wilmington yesterday morning and will make their home on South Fifth avenue. Mr. Thigpen is employed in the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line. The bride is an accomplished young woman with a host of friends here and elsewhere.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. E. S. Smith, and son, of Marines, were business visitors in the city yesterday.

—Addison G. Ricaud, Esq., left last night for Philadelphia and New York on professional business.

—Mr. C. C. Wolfe, superintendent of the Florida division of the Southern Express Company, was in the city on business yesterday.

—Rev. E. C. Sell, pastor of Bladen Street Methodist church, who was called to Maysville Saturday to conduct the funeral services of Mr. S. S. Waters, returned home yesterday on the noon train.

—Among the arrivals at the Wilmington yesterday were: E. W. Godwin, Jr., Point Caswell; W. S. Wolfe, Mt. Airy; W. H. Royal, Benson; A. B. Babcock, Garland; G. A. Fuller, Raeford; J. B. McGurley, Ft. Caswell; W. C. Greenwood, Charlotte; C. H. Babbitt, Maxton.

New York, Jan. 1. — Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British ambassador, and Theodore Roosevelt, Joseph H. Choate, and J. P. Morgan will be among the honorary pall bearers tomorrow at the funeral services of Frederick W. Whitridge, it was announced today. Mr. Whitridge, railroad lawyer and political economist, died here Saturday.

A BRONCHIAL HARD COLD

Yields to the Tonic Influence of Vinol.

Philadelphia, Pa.—"Last Fall I was troubled with a very severe bronchial cold, headaches, backache, and sick to my stomach. I was so bad I became alarmed and tried several medicines, also a doctor, but did not get any relief. A friend asked me to try Vinol, and it brought the relief which I craved, so now I am enjoying perfect health."—Jack C. Singleton.

The reason that cough syrups fail in such cases is because they are palliative only, while Vinol removes the cause, being a constitutional remedy in which are combined beef and cod liver peptones, iron and manganese peptonates and glycerophosphates. It strengthens and revitalizes the entire system and assists nature to expel the disease.

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ENJOYABLE BANQUET GIVEN

Howard & Wells Amusement Company Host to Employees—Miss Tapley is the Guest of Honor.

The glad spirit of the New Year season was delightfully exemplified in an enjoyable banquet given by the Howard & Wells Amusement Company to its employees and friends at the Orton hotel last night, from 11 to 1 o'clock. Three score guests, including Miss Rose Tapley, the famous moving picture star, gathered around the long tables in the spacious dining hall of the hostelry, and for two hours entered into the spirit of the occasion with zest and good will under the well-directed supervision of Mr. Jas. H. Cowan, editor of The Evening Dispatch, who acted as toastmaster in that capable manner that characterizes everything that he does.

Manager F. W. Armstrong, of the Orton, had provided a feast of good things to eat. After this there were speeches, music, songs and other features, closing with a very inspiring and helpful talk by Miss Tapley.

Mr. Percy Wells was the first to be called on by Toastmaster Cowan, who refused to play favorites in asking for responses to toasts, and paid a splendid tribute to the zeal of the employes of the amusement company, declaring that they are the most enthusiastic and enterprising of any corporation he knows.

Others responding to toasts included Messrs. J. M. Solky, J. H. Rehder, A. O. Schuster, Carl B. Rehder and John A. Livingston. These gentlemen spoke in the highest terms of the splendid enterprise of Messrs. Percy Wells and James Howard and at the suggestion of Mr. Schuster the entire assemblage extended a rising vote of thanks to the hosts of the evening for their hospitality.

Mrs. Percy Wells captivated the gathering by singing very sweetly "The End of a Perfect Day." Miss Annie Banks sang a charming solo with Mr. George W. Bailey as accompanist. Miss Fraley and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller, of the Gardner & Lawson Company, which is playing at the Royal this week, entertained with song specialties that were very much enjoyed. Professor Johnson on the piano, and Professor Vilim on the violin were the accompanists for these selections. The Royal theatre orchestra played several numbers.

The climax of the evening was the address of Miss Tapley, who urged those present to work for success. She spoke particularly of the necessity of paying attention to small details as an essential for success. Her address was heard with much interest. She has a charming personality and is a most excellent speaker as well as actress.

After having been photographed, the assemblage dispersed after a very happy and pleasant evening.

CORPORAL HALL DEAD.

North Carolina Trooper Assaulted by Unknown Person at El Paso.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 1.—Corporal W. C. Hall, of Company K, Third North Carolina Infantry, enlisting at Asheboro, N. C., died here of concussion of the brain following an assault by an unknown person.

A double military funeral will be held for Corporal Joseph H. Wiederburn, of Company I, and Private Harry W. Remby, of Company D, 33rd Michigan infantry, who died in the Fort Bliss hospital yesterday within a few minutes of each other, from pneumonia. The only two previous deaths in this regiment resulted also from pneumonia.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The stockholders of the Home Savings Bank will hold their annual meeting in the bank offices January 8, at 4 o'clock. Important business will be transacted.

—The members of the fire department were guests of Chief Schnibben and Councilman Bunting at the annual New Year oyster roast, at the Central station yesterday afternoon.

—Smoke coming from a chimney at the residence of Mr. Thomas Dobson, No. 314 North Sixth street, yesterday morning, alarmed neighbors, and the fire department was called out.

NEW YEAR PASSED QUIETLY

Was Observed As a General Holiday, And Treated To a Dose of Rotten Weather. Resolutions Made

New Year's Day, the day or resolutions, has come and gone just like it has one thousand nine hundred and sixteen times before. The same resolutions were made yesterday that have been made annually for the past 19 centuries.

It was a holiday in Wilmington. Many business houses were closed and the theatres did a rushing business during the day. Men, fresh from their pledges to swear off from their love of the Lady Nicotine, hung around the cigar stores with longing eyes and a doleful countenances.

Many a maiden who had let opportunity slip through her grasp by failing to propose while leap year was here, surveyed her beauty in the mirror and thought with a sigh of the wrinkles that four years time might bring, and many a mere man realized too late that he had lacked the moral courage to say "no".

The weather man started right in with the new year, to give us a line of his rottenest, and if we are to have continuous weather this year like the old boy handed us a New Year offering, then we are in for some tough treatment.

Today half the world will forget that old 1916 ever existed, and will be as familiar with young Mr. Nineteen Seventeen, as if they had known him for years and years. We've made his acquaintance now, and almost before we realize it, we will be writing his eulogy and preparing for the advent of 1918.

And while we are speaking of time's flying, it might be well to take old Father Time by the forelock and tell everybody that there are only 358 days more before Christmas, and it might be a good plan to do their Christmas shopping early.

MEASLES EPIDEMIC SPREADS

Nine New Cases in City and County Reported to Health Officer Since Saturday. Advises Precautions

The measles epidemic in the city and county has taken a fresh start within the past two days, nine new cases being reported to Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, county health officer, since Saturday.

Six new cases were reported yesterday morning, while three cases developed Sunday. In all, there are nearly a score of children under quarantine, most of them in the city. Their parents are invariably instructed to keep their other children away from school and public gatherings where other children might be exposed to the disease.

In this connection, Dr. Nesbitt wishes to repeat the warning given some time ago against parents allowing their children to be exposed to the disease. At that time he pointed out the fallacy of the opinion widely held by parents that their children must have such diseases as measles and whooping cough and it was a good thing to expose them to the diseases and have it over with.

Many physicians believe that it is very dangerous for children to have such diseases, which develop frequently into more serious complaints, and that hence it is the heighth of folly for mothers not to take the greatest precautions against their children being exposed. Every cold that a child has, it is pointed out, weakness by just that much its powers of resistance against other diseases, including pneumonia.

EMANCIPATION DAY OBSERVED BY WILMINGTON NEGROES

Resolutions Adopted Asking for Better Schools and More Recognition

The colored citizens of Wilmington yesterday celebrated the 54th anniversary of their emancipation from slavery. There was a creditable parade under the direction of Chief Marshall F. P. Pitman, led by a brass band. The place of gathering was at St. Stephen's A. M. E. Church, where a large, appreciative and responsive audience enjoyed a programme of more than ordinary excellence.

The orator, Rev. C. P. Hazel, D. D., delivered a splendid address, rich in information and full of hope for the race. At the conclusion of the address, the committee on resolutions presented the following:

"God reigns, justice and judgment are the habitation of His throne. Believing that all power is in His hands; that the Judge of all the earth will do right, that behind every frowning providence He hides a smiling face, and that He will make all things work together for good to those that love Him, be it resolved: That on this natal day of our emancipation, we pledge Him our love, loyalty and service.

"Whereas in the constitution of this great Republic, we are named citizens and guaranteed the enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and whereas, in many places, and in many ways, our rights under the constitution are nullified to our harm and humiliation, be it further resolved that in spite of the bitterest prejudice, most hostile opposition, the rankest injustice and pessimistic conditions, we will not be discouraged. We will not sink in dispair. We will not give up, but by righteous endeavor; by strength of patience, honesty, industry, economy, morality, and the help of Almighty God, we will press our claim, and urge our demand for every right and privilege that should be enjoyed by an honest and upright citizen.

"Whereas, there has been and now is a sentiment among a few whites in every community, who in a large measure represent the intelligence and wealth, that is friendly, encouraging and helpful, and whereas their kind interest means much to us, be it resolved that we fully appreciate this feeling with the assurance that we want to rise that we are striving to rise and solicit their continued good will and assistance.

"Whereas our schools are overcrowded, and ill equipped and the progress of our children is thereby retarded and were it not for the liberality of the Roman Catholic church, on the one hand, and the Congregational church, on the other hand, in maintaining schools, more than a third of our children would grow up without even elementary training, and whereas we believe that better results would follow if the negro had some voice in the management of negro schools, therefore be it resolved, that we appeal to the community to change this condition, that we continue our plea for more room, and better equipment in order that every child may have opportunity to drink from the public fountain of education.

ADVISES FARMERS TO BUY THEIR FERTILIZERS EARLY.

Progressive Farmer Declares That Interests of Buyer and Seller Same.

That the farmers should buy their fertilizers early this season is the position taken by the Raleigh Progressive Farmer, which declares that the interests of the buyer and seller this season are identical. This paper in its editorial columns this week has the following:

"Those who have fertilizers to buy can make no mistake in buying early. There seems no probability that there will be any chnges in general business, or in the fertilizer business in particular, which will make prices more favorable to the purchasers of commercial fertilizers between no wand planting time next spring. The activity in all lines of business makes the problem of transportation, the securing of raw materials and consequently the delivery of fertilizers, an increasingly difficult matter to guarantee.

"Those who delay the securing of their fertilizers, especially if the majority wait to the last minute to buy, as is usually the case, are likely to find the difficulty of obtaining what they want greatly increased, the prices advanced and possibly they may fail entirely to get all they want in time to meet their needs.

"Those who pay cash should be able to pay early as well a late, and those who buy on credit will probably be able to get credit early with less difficulty than at planting time. At least, there seems no good reason why the average buyer of fertilizers should not make arrangements early for the delivery of such fertilizers as he needs at the time he wishes them delivered.

"Because the manufacturers always say, 'buy early,' the average man is apt to conclude that it is to his interest to buy late, but this is a case where the seller's and buyer's interests are alike, and this by the way is really not as rare an occurrance as most people think. Our only interest in the matter is that the farmer gets what he wants when he wants it and on the best terms fair to all. We believe the man who buys or arranges for his fertilizers early is the man who most frequently realizes these objects."

RECEPTION LARGELY ATTENDED

Open-House Celebration Held Last Night by Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. Was Most Successful

The annual New Year's reception and exercises given last night at the Y. M. C. A. as a joint celebration of both the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations was largely attended and proved to be one of the most enjoyable and largely attended of any that have been held in recent years.

The lobby and other parts of the building were beautifully decorated with bamboo leaves, ferns and palms, while colored paper placed around the big overhead lights in the lobby added much to the attractiveness of the scene.

A splendid musical programme was carried out which included very pleasing vocal solos by Mrs. Mattie Longfellow and Miss Katherine Vollers who were accompanied by Mrs. E. Schulken on the piano and Dr. Kenneth Otten on the violin. Mrs. Meares Harriss rendered a very attractive solo on the violin, for which Miss Julia Post played the accompaniment. Mr. K. B. Knudsen also gave a very interesting reading.

Mr. H. Lacy Hunt, president of the Y. M. C. A., also was encored several times when during the apparatus work of the seniors, he executed an original "stunt" by pulling off his coat and made believe he intended to perform some very difficult feat on "the horse."

The guests, who numbered several hundred persons, were received in the lobby by a committee consisting of the directors and trustees of the two associations, their wives and husbands.

The exercises in the Gymnasium were opened by several dances, including the minuet and the "Butterfly dance" which were splendidly executed by the Y. W. C. A. juniors. They closed with a volley-ball contest between the juniors of the two associations, the boys taking three straight games. Following the entertainment features of the evening delicious refreshments were served.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 1.—Winston-Salem has paid the United States government during the past year in revenue on stamps for chewing and smoking tobacco and cigarettes manufactured here the sum $15,279,659.46, according to the figures of Deputy collector N. L. Cranford. This is a remarkable increase over 1915, the figures for that year being $9,228,444.90.

—Clarendon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will have its regular meeting tonight in Castle Hall. There will be special exercises in observance of the New Year and all members are urged to attend. Visiting Knights will be cordially welcomed.

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You simply say to the drug store man, "Give me a quarter of an ounce of freezone." This will cost very little but is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn from one's feet.

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This new way to rid one's feet of corns was introduced by a Cincinnati man, who says that, while freezone is sticky, it dries in a moment, and simply shrivels up the corn without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin.

Don't let father die of infection or lockjaw from whittling at his corns, but clip this out and make him try it.

WARMEST MONTH SINCE 1913.

Local Weather Observer's Report Shows Little Precipitation and No Snow. Unusually Cloudy.

December was an unusually warm and dry month as well as a very cloudy one, according to Mr. Geo. W. Felger, local observer for the United States Weather Bureau, who issued his report yesterday for the month.

Mr. Felger states that the temperatures during the past month were the warmest of any for the same period since 1913, and instead of more than seven inches of snow which was experienced in December, 1915, there was a deficiency of about two inches in the rainfall. No snow fell during the month. The precipitation was 1.19 inches of rain. The average temperature for the month was 49 degrees, or two degrees above normal.

There were only 11 clear days during the month as compared with 18 in November. While December is generally marked by overcast or cloudy skies oftener than November, reference to records for December 1915, shows that there were 16 clear days during that month, or two more than this December.

It was a gloomy New Year's day with the exception of about four or five hours in the morning that Wilmingtonians experienced yesterday, as it rained almost incessantly from noon until late in the day. Fairer weather and still warmer, is the forecast for today.

SINKING OF FOUR VESSELS IS REPORTED BY LLOYDS'

London, Jan. 1.—Lloyd's reports the following vessels as having been sunk:

The Greek steamer Demetrios Inglesis, 2,088 tons; crew landed; the Norwegian steamers Flora, 1,300 tons, crew landed and Eva, part of crew landed; the Russian sailing ship Seedonis.

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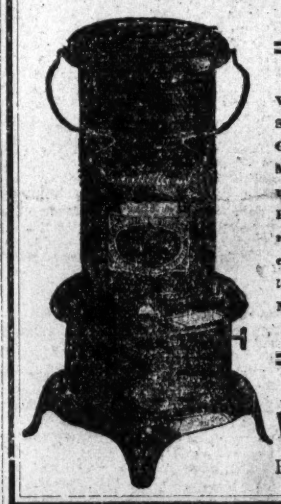

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MARKETS

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,235 tons, Holtasch, Heide & Co.

Str Kiel (Ger.), 2,372 tons, Lomke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 30.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—51c.

ROSIN—$5.60, $5.85.

TAR—$2.60-11c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00, $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Holiday (New Year.)

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine . . . . . (—)

Rosin . . . . . (—)

Tar 33

Crude Turpentine . . . . . (—)

Receipts same day last year—Holiday (New Year.)

COTTON MARKET.

Market—17c.; same day last year, holiday.

Receipts—28 bales; same day last year, (—) bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 73,740 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 185,372 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wimngton, Dec. 29.

Atlantic Coast Line—28 bales cotton; 33 barrels tar.

Total—28 bales cotton; 33 barrels tar.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 30.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 65c. to 70c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$2.00 per bu.

CORN—$1.15 to $1.17½ per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 3 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green, salt, 18c. to 20c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 25c.; sides and shoulders, 20c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—32c to 33c dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 30. — North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers' stock, fancy handpicked, $1.15; No. 1, machine, $1.12 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 80c.; fancy handpicked, 75c.; No. 1 machine picked, 65c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.30; Jumbos, $1.25 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 30.—Spanish—Farmers' stock—Market, steady, $1.30 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock, market steady. Fancy Jumbo, 4c. to 4 1-2c. per lb.; Extra Prime, 3¾c. to 4c. per lb.; Prime, 3½c. to 3¾c.; Shelling stock, 3c. to 3½c.

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NEW LABOR PARTY FORMED BY AUSTRALIAN PREMIER.

Picks New Government From Among Those Who Were Loyal to Him.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 20.—William M. Hughes, the federal prime minister, was ousted from leadership of the federal Labor Party at the recent party caucus whereupon he left the meeting followed by 23 supporters with whom he formed a new labor party. The ejectment of Mr. Hughes were results of the bitter cleavage in the Labor ranks in Australia caused by his championing conscription for the prosecution of the war and his proposals being defeated in the referendum.

Not only did Mr. Hughes form a new party but he formed a new government from among the 23 members of the federal parliament who had elected to stand by him in the crisis, and these new ministers were forthwith sworn in by the governor-general of the commonwealth, Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson.

During the campaign over conscription, Representative W. G. Higgs, commonwealth treasurer; Representative Frank G. Tudor, minister of trade and customs, and Senators Gardiner and Russell, assistant ministers, had resigned; and directly after Mr. Hughes had been deposed as party leader, Representatives King O'Malley and Hugh Mahon, minister for home affairs and minister for external affairs, respectively, likewise resigned their portfolios. The personnel of the latest Hughes government is:

Representative William M. Hughes, prime minister and attorney general; Senator George F. Pearce, minister for defense; Representative J. A. Jensen, minister for the navy; Representative W. A. Webster, postmaster general; Representative A. Poynton, treasurer; Representative W. A. Archibald, minister for trade and customs; Representative F. W. Bamford, minister for home affairs; Senator P. J. Lynch, minister for public works; Representative W. G. Spence, vice president of the executive council; Senator E. J. Russell and Representative Laird Smith, assistant ministers.

The faction of the Parliametnary Labor party which refused to acknowledge Mr. Hughes' leadership, elected aapital city were the largest in a decin the cabinet as minister for trade and customs) its leader and proceeded to style itself the official Federal Parliamentary party. It also issued a statement to the press in which it said that among other reasons why a motion of confidence in Mr. Hughes as the party leader was adopted was because he had "branded those advocating no conscription as traitors in the pay of Germany, as enemies of their country and as being responsible for the policy of the I. W. W. in the commonwealth. These charges, the statement declared, were unfounded and "showed Mr. Hughes' unfitness for leadership of the majority of the party."

There are thus two labor parties in parliament each claiming to represent the industrial element in the country. The one—that headed by Mr. Hughes who is yet prime minister—may be said to be made up not alone of the pro-conscriptionists but the moderates; and the other—that headed by Mr. Tudor—composed of militant trades unionists. The portfolio of minister for external affairs was abolished by Mr. Hughes when he formed his government and the work which had attached to that department he divided between himself and the new minister for home affairs, Mr. Bamford. The only members of the old government besides Mr. Hughes who are in the new one are Messrs. Pearce, Jensen, Webster and Russell.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Jan. 1. — Beeves—Steady. Steers, 8:50@10:50; bulls, 5:50@5:75; cows, 3.75@7.50.

Calves—Steady. Veals, 10.50@16.00; culls, 8.00@10.00; barn yard calves, 6.00@7.00; yearlings, 5.00@6.00; western, 8.00@9.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Steady. Sheep, 5.50@8.50; culls, 4.00@5.00; lambs, 12.00@14.25; yearlings, 10.00.

Hogs—Light to heavy, 10.75@11.00; roughs, 9.35@9.50.

THIS SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD WINS HONOR IN FRANCE.

Julian Allen, son of New York lawyer, had early training of hero-making sort. France has cited for bravery a New York boy of 16, who has been driving an ambulance at the front. He is Julian Broome Livingston Allen, son of Frederick H. Allen, a lawyer, who "sought him up on a Spartan plan. In the official army order in which he is cited Julian Allen is praised for "having volunteered to transport wounded requiring urgent care from relief posts to hospitals over a route in sight of the enemy, frequently shelled and swept by machine gun fire, a fine example of bravery and endurance."

In view of what the lad has done, his father thinks that it is time that he returned to his own country. Julian was in the fourth form at St. Paul's when he went abroad. His family want him to come back now, and begin work under a tutor, so that he will be able to enter Harvard next fall. So application has been duly made for his discharge, and they hope to see him back soon.

HE FIGURED IT ALL OUT.

Why Atkins Wrote Down Names of Manufacturers.

(From Farm and Family.)

Atkins walked up to the counter in the store at the cross roads and began to write out rather hurriedly on a slip of paper the things he wished to take home with him. A farmer who lived in his neighborhood watched him with keen interest. At length he asked: "I noticed that when you write down ax, whet-stones, axle grease an' even hog oil you write down the name of the brand or the name of the firm that manufactures the article."

"Sure I do, don't you do that?"

"Oh, of course. I do for a lot of things. But then, just with plain everyday things I don't. What makes you take all that extra trouble, Atkins?"

"I do it because I want to get my money's worth. I do that because I want to know exactly what firm stands behind what I buy."

"But how do you figure out what firms are the ones that'll give you the best for your money when you're buyin' things out here in the country an' you haven't ever seen one of 'em?"

"Easy as can be. You see I always take a thoroughly reliable paper to begin with. I enjoy the readin' matter all right, an' I make something of a study of the firms that advertise all the time, see?"

"But what I want to know is, how in the mischief do you know whether the firm that's advertisin' is on the square with the goods they put on the market?"

"I'm glad you've asked me that very question. That's the point where any number of fellows like you an' me fall down. Let me ask you a question or two: Do you believe any firm with a shoddy poor article could afford to spend a lot of money advertisin' year after year?"

"No, I don't believe they could."

"Well, then, if I see a firm advertisin' in my paper year in an' year out I'm certain they're spendin' lots of hard-earned dollars to get me to try their article. They've got enough sense to know that after they've persuaded me to try that article it's got to be good enough to hold me."

"Yes, I reckon that's about so."

"I know it's so because I've tried it. Whenever you see an ad in a strong farm paper, an' then you see the firm that used that ad makin' a display in the store window here, you can bank on 'em. You got to remember all the time that advertisin' is a big game that costs big money an' the fellow that's in the game is pretty apt to be a big fellow. You try my scheme an' you'll find it works O. K."

FOR "MOVIE" HALL OF FAME.

Films of Historic Interest to be Preserved.

(From New York World.)

To preserve for future generations "such films of contemporary scenes, movements of thought and development of human experience as will prove of the greatest historic value," John Frederick Harbeson, an architect of Philadelphia, has been commissioned to draw plans for a Motion Picture Hall of Fame.

William Fox is behind the movie mausoleum idea. "Mausoleum" was the name given to it in a statement yesterday. He has arranged with Mr. Harbeson to prepare plans. Mr. Fox will give the building, "which will cost $1,000,000, and will be endowed for a similar amount."

And no less a place than Central Park is to have the mausoleum, if possible.

Mr. Fox said yesterday he had been thinking a long time about such a moving picture historical storehouse and decided to begin action on it immediately because he believes a photoplay like "The Honor System," which recites the history of the present prison reform movement, should be safeguarded and preserved.

The mausoleum will provide air-tight vaults for the storage of films. These will be built around a large projecting room, a library for writings on the cinema and a scenario room for the preservation of the autographed stories of accepted films.

The films will be accepted at the rate of 10 a year by a board of trustees. It is hoped that men of the type of Prof. Hugo Munsterberg, of Harvard University, and Prof. John Bach McMaster, of the University of Pennsylvania, will serve on the board with Mr. Fox as chairman.

No film will be placed in the museum which is not of "historic value". This is taken to mean that slapstick comedies will not be admitted. Any photoplay approved by the trustees will be accepted, no matter who produced it.

One requirement will be that each film must remain locked away in its air-tight receptacle for 50 years, to be removed on the anniversary of its deposit, projected first before a group of historians and then shown to the public.

IS KILLED BY A WOMAN

E. G. Mize, of Quincy, Miss., Shot By Mrs. Winston Tubbs

Quincy, Miss., Jan. 1.—E. G. Mize, member of the county board of supervisors and a prominent farmer, was shot and killed here this afternoon by Mrs. Winston Tubbs. The tragedy occurred at the railroad and according to stories told county officers, was the result of remarks made by Mize several months ago. Mize leaves a widow and four children. Mrs. Tubbs has a husband and two children.

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Elvington's Dependable Drug Stores are the exclusive agents in this city.—adv.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

January 2, 1917.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 37 degrees; at 8 P. M., 54 degrees; maximum, 56 degrees; minimum, 30 degrees; mean, 43 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .10 inch; rainfall forthe month, to date, .10 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., Sunday, 5 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday; moderate temperature.

The Port Calendar, Jan. 2, 1917.

Sun rises . . . . . 7:18 A. M.

Sun sets . . . . . 5:15 P. M.

Day's length . . . . . 9 hrs. 57 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	5:02	5:19	12:19	12:00
Southport	3:03	3:13	9:22	9:33
Masonboro Inl	2:52	3:02	9:02	9:13

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS
January 1, 1917.

STATIONS:	Temperature: Weather at 8 P. M.	Highest today.	Lowest Last Night.	Precipitation at 8 P.M.
Abilene	—	40	—	
Asheville	clear	58	32	.01
Atlanta	rain	54	34	.50
Augusta	cldy	54	34	.16
Baltimore	cldy	38	—	.01
Birmingh.	cldy	60	50	.70
Boston	snow	36	20	.0
Charleston	cldy	66	42	.02
Charlotte	cldy	46	30	.06
Chicago	clear	36	32	.0
Galveston	foggy	70	60	.0
Jacksonv	clear	72	50	.0
Memphis	cldy	48	43	.04
Mobile	cldy	72	58	.0
Montgom'y	cldy	66	52	.06
New Orl.	clear	78	58	.0[illegible]
New York	cldy	32	20	.0
Oklahoma. pt	cldy	54	38	.0
Palestine	cldy	66	54	.10
Pittsburg	cldy	38	26	.06
Raleigh	pt cldy	48	26	.0
Savannah	cldy	70	44	.0
Shreveport	cldy	62	52	.18
St. Louis	clear	52	36	.0
Washing'n	clear	42	24	.0

FEEL ALL USED UP?

Lots of Wilmington People Do.

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Feel all used up—as if you could just go no farther?
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Why not use Doan's Kidney Pills?
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Through sleeping cars are now operated between Wilmington and Raleigh, daily, except Sunday, on the following schedules:

8:30 A.M. Lv.	Wilmington	Ar.	1:15 A.M.
6:25 A.M. Ar.	Goldsboro	Lv.	10:25 P.M.
6:45 A.M. Lv.	Goldsboro	Ar.	9:25 P.M.
7:40 A.M. Ar.	Selma	Lv.	8:38 P.M.
8:52 A.M. Ar.	Raleigh	Lv.	7:25 P.M.

Sleepers will be open to receive passengers after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, southbound, until 7:00 A. M.

For reservations and further information

'Phone 160.
ATLANTIC COAST LINE
The Standard Railroad of the South.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Jan. 3, 1917. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 8:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. Through Sleeping Car between Wilmington and Raleigh. Open to receive passengers, after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, Southbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 3:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.
T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.
WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	!1:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	.....	3:50 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	5:10 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	!7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. !Leaves from Station No. 3.

SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "electric Center." for Winter Park	Leave "electric Center." for Wrightsville	Leave "electric Center." for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	!7:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	!9:05 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	2:06 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:45 P.M.	2:55 P.M.	3:06 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:15 P.M.	3:25 P.M.	3:36 P.M.
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5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:45 P.M.	5:55 P.M.	6:06 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	!7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. !Leaves from Station No. 3

FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.
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S. S. Cherokee...Saturday, January 13

Wilmington to New York

S. S. Chippewa...Monday, December 25
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DEPARTURE OF TRAINS FROM WILMINGTON:

No. 13—3:55 P. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR, WILMINGTON TO CHARLOTTE.

No. 15—5:00 A. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE. Open at 10:00 P. M., for Passengers.

ARRIVAL OF TRAINS AT WILMINGTON:

No. 14—12:30 P. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON.

No. 20—12:10 A. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON. PASSENGERS MAY REMAIN IN SLEEPER UNTIL 7:00 A. M.

For detailed information and reservations, call on City Ticket Agent, Orton Building. 'Phone 178.

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$38.10—New Orleans, La.

Account Annual Meeting Western Fruit Jobbers' Association. Tickets will be sold Jan. 27 and 28, limited Feb. 5.

$22.45—Tampa, Fla.

Account Gasparilla Carnival. Tickets will be sold Jan. 31 to Feb. 5, limited returning until Feb. 20. Limit may be extended to March 3rd, upon payment of $1.00 and depositing with joint agent, etc.

$13.95—Atlanta, Ga.

Account Southeastern Land Show and the National Association of Builders Exchanges of the U. S. Tickets will be sold Jan. 31 and Feb. 3, 10, 11 and 14, limited returning until Feb. 20, but may be extended to March 6th by depositing and paying $1.00.

$23.45—Pensacola, Fla.
$24.55—Mobile, Ala.
$28.75—New Orleans, La.

Account Mardi Gras Celebration. Tickets will be sold Feb. 12 to 19, inclusive, limited returning until March 2nd, but may be extended until March 10th by depositing and paying $1.00.

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DID BUNCOMBE PROFIT BY THE PEACE 'LEAK'?

Asheville People Convinced Commissioners Were "On to It."

At Any Rate, There Seems No Other Adequate Explanation of the Private Sale of the County's $300,000 Bond Issue.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 1.—Asheville people are convinced that there was a leak in some department at Washington regarding peace negotiations and that the Buncombe county commissioners were aware of it. Otherwise there is no possible way of explaining why the commissioners, according to their statement, sold the $300,000 issue of county bonds at private sale because of fear of a poor bond market on account of reported peace proposals, the bonds being sold on December 4, and the peace proposals failing to materialize until December 12, eight days later. At the same time, it is considered remarkable that the commissioners here could have had access to such a leak and have been prepared to meet possible results in such a prompt manner.

Comment on all sides and the reported preparing of petitions calling for a mass meeting of citizens to investigate the sale of the bonds, brought prompt action from the commissioners in the form of another statement, signed by Chairman W. E. Johnson, in which the commissioners declared that the bonds were purchased by a local firm at 100.4 and re-sold to the New York firm of Weil, Roth & Company, with the understanding that the local firm, after deducting a fair profit, would turn the balance of its profits over to the county. The second statement is the first official intimation that the county is to receive this additional profit on the bonds. Nothing is said about what the New York firm is asking for the bonds.

Mr. Johnson also declared, in his statement that because the bonds are what are known as "inherent right" bonds, two of the biggest bond buying firms in the United States flatly refused to handle them. He declares that the local firm then took the bonds at the small premium in order to guarantee the county a profit and took a chance of selling them at a higher figure for the county, the surplus profits, after the local firm deducts a reasonable progt, to be urned over o the county.

The second statement, however, has not stopped talk in regard to the private sale, and opinion for a commission form of government for the county is growing stronger every hour. It is practically certain that the Buncombe county delegation will be asked to put through a bill at the coming meeting of the General Assembly, calling for a change in government for the county.

The bond sale continues to be the topic of the hour.

WILL MEET TO DISCUSS THE LAST NOTE FROM CARRANZA

American Members of Joint Commission to Confer Today.

Washington, Jan. 1. — The American members of the Mexican-American joint commission will meet here tomorrow to discuss General Carranza's latest communication on the protocol signed previously for a settlement of border questions, and to fix a date and place for a meeting of the full commission at which the decision as to whether there are to be further conferences will be made known.

Without regard to the attitude of Carranza sentiment is known to be growing in the administration in favor of withdrawing General Pershing's expedition in Mexico to the border, and at the same time notifying the de facto government that further border trouble will be promptly followed by more decisive action on the part of American forces.

EFFORTS OF HIGH COMMISSION DESCRIBED AS SUCCESSFUL

Report Presented by United States Section to the President

Washington, Jan. 1.—The achievements of the International High Commission in promoting financial and commercial co-operation among the American republics are described as marking a distanct success for the movement in a report presented to President Wilson by the United States section of the commission and made public tonight. It reviews in detail the steps taken at the Buenos Aires meeting, including the creating of a permanent central council and the adoption of a programme for harmonizing money standards, classifications of merchandise and laws governing negotiable instruments.

A draft of a treaty soon is to be submitted, the report adds, embodying the principle of federalization of license fees for commercial travelers as recommended by the Buenos Aires conference.

TESTIFY AGAINST SMALL.

Two Campers Say No Lights Were Seen in Cottage on Night It Was Burned.

Ossipee, N. H., Jan. 1.—There were no lights in the Small cottage on the night Mrs. Florence A. Small was murdered and the house burned down, according to the testimony of two campers at the trial today of Frederick T. Small, charged with the murder of his wife. George Glover and Arthur H. Boynton, of Melrose, Mass., testified today that from their camp they had seen lights in the Small home every night up to the evening she was slain.

The testimonuy was brought out by the state in its effort to prove that Small had killed his wife before he left for Boston late that afternoon.

SAYS WHOLE RUSSIAN NATION WANTS PEACE

(Continued from Page One.)

dull or offers help at conditions which are shameful and humiliating."

The news agency adds that Gorky predicted a further increase in reactionary tendencies in Russia and asserted "since it is impossible to bring the war to a happy ending, it would be better to terminate it in order to avoid a peace by the grace of England."

TRADE AND INDUSTRY HAVE NOT LOST PACE

Reports Show the Situation Practically Unchanged.

Chairman Jay, of the New York Reserve Bank, Issues Statement Based on Information Secured From Various Firms.

New York, Jan. 1.—"Trade and industry in general have continued active and practically unchanged, notwithstanding develoements in the European war situation, the disturbance in money rates and the very unsettled stock markets," according to information obtained through special reports from numerous firms and corporations in the last few days, it was stated here today by Pierre Jay, chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Retail stores are reported as handling an "unprecedented volume of holiday trade," Mr. Jay's statement says, while collections generally are stated to be very satisfactory. Materials are stated to be still scarce and the deliveries of goods somewhat hindered by a shortage of freight cars. The labor situation, he says, has been considerably improved by the closing down of certain outside activities and by workmen seeking sheltered employment during the winter.

The demand for news print paper, Mr. Jay's announcement declares, "exceeds anything heretofore known, exceeding for the first time the producing capacity of the mills."

This is accounted for, he says, by increased advertising and circulation.

"Everything entering into the manufacture of paper," he adds, "has increased in price, foreign orders are large and imports of foreign-made paper have fallen off considerably."

Short crops and a large demand have caused prices of food products to rise, he says, while seasonal conditions prevail in other lines.

RIGID SUBSTITUTE FOR OWEN MEASURE

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and representative-at-large would be limited to cinpaign expenditures of $5,000 each in states of less than one million population and not two exceed two mills additional for each inhabitant in excess of one million. District candidates for the House of Representatives would be limited to an expenditure of $2,500 in all cases. Senatorial and Congressional candidates, however, would not be required to account for personal expenses, which would include traveling, hotel, postage, stationery, telegraph and telephone expenditures.

The bill would limit all personal contributions to all congressional or senatorial campaigns to $100,000 and all other individual political contributions to anything but a recognized political committee to $50. It would be unlawful for a candidate to make promises of appointment to political office.

Transmission of state political funds from one state to another would be limited to $1,000 for each senator and representative and members of Congress would be prohibited from soliciting campaign funds. State committees could contribute to national committees provided the contributions did not swell the national fund above the legal limitation.

The purpose for which disbursements of campaign funds may be made as set forth in the bill include traveling expenses of candidates, speakers, members of political committees and their assistants, fees for entering candidates on the ballot, clerk hire, telephone, telegraph, postage, freight and express charges, printing and stationery, office rent and public advertising.

RUSSIAN MONK FOUND DEAD.

Dispatches From Petrograd State That He Was Assassinated.

London, Jan. 2.—Dispatches from Reuter and other Petrograd correspondents say that Gregory Rasputin, the Russian Monk, who is reputed to exercise great influence over Emperor Nicholas, is dead. According to Reuters correspondent, Rasputin's body was found on the bank of one of the branches of the river Neva.

The other correspondents say that Rasputin was assassinated under dramatic conditions.

It will be recalled that twice previously Rasputin has been reported to have been murdered.

EXPOSITION COMES TO END.

Big Show at San Diego, Cal., Passed Into History Last Midnight.

San Diego, Cal., January 1. — With the sounding of taps, followed by the rendition of "Auld Lang Syne" by Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink before a vast assemblage at the great outdoor organ, the Panama-California Exposition passed into history at midnight tonight, after being opened continuously to the public for two years.

A sham battle in which soldiers of the Twenty-First United States Infantry took part, was a feature of the day's programme, as was an army and navy parade and review.

AMERICAN SURVIVIORS ARRIVE

Land in New York After Escaping From Ships Sunk by Submarines.

New York, Jan. 1.—One hundred and twelve men who were on American steamships torpedoed and sunk by German submarines in European waters, arrived here today on the Spanish steamer Alicante from Barcelona. Seventy-nine were on board the Columbian, attacked last November on a voyage from France to Italy. Thirty-three escaped when the Chemung, sent down off Cape Gata, Spain, in the same month.

CASUALTY LISTS DISPROVE STATEMENT OF GENERAL HAIG

Berlin, Jan. 1. (via Sayville)—In a statement in reply to the recently published review of the battle of the Somme by Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig the Overseas News Agency asserts that the British commander's statement in regard to the relative losses of the British and Germans are disproved by the German and British casualty lists. It states the losses of the Entente amount to 800,000.

ENDOWMENT FUND FORMED FOR ORPHANS OF GERMANY

German Woman's Society to Take Out $1,000,000 in Insurance Policies.

New York, Jan. 1.—A million dollar educational endowment fund has been formed by the United States branch of the Hilfsverein Deutscher Frauen to keep thousands of fatherless German children out of state institutions.

The society, organized by German women, announced tonight that a million dollars worth of endowment insurance policies to mature over a period of ten years would be purchased. A thousand benefactors will be asked to contribute $47.74 each for a period of years to pay the premiums. The fund will be distributed to needy families in Germany during the school years.

PREPAREDNESS MANEUVER

Artillerymen Do Quick Work in Operating Coast Guns.

San Francisco, Jan. 1. — Twenty-five minutes and twenty seconds after the bell had sounded at the armory today a full company of coast artillery were transported by a motor reserve corps to Fort Riley, about five miles distance, and completely manned the big coast guns, ready to repel an imaginary enemy approaching the Golden Gate. The maneuver was arranged by Colonel Richard P. Davis, commandant of the coast defenses of San Francisco Bay.

FIFTY BODIES RECOVERED.

Hundred Persons Believed to Have Perished in Flood in Australia.

London, Jan. 1.—One hundred persons are believed to have been drowned in Clermont, Queensland, Australia, by a flood which washed away the main street and all the houses in low lying places, says a Reuter's dispatch from Brisbane. Fifty bodies have been recovered. The flood was caused by cyclonic weather in Northern and Central Queensland.

PRESIDENT DISCUSSES THE PEACE SITUATION WITH SENATOR STONE

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President's note to the belligerents was to clear the atmosphere on the big questions relating to the war, and that in this connection the American government thought it would be helpful if the opinions of neutrals as well as the belligerents was explained.

It was reiterated that President Wilson and Secretary Lansing did not look upon the American note to the belligerents primarily as a peace note, although it was hoped that it might aid in hastening the end of the war.

Administration officials are admittedly concerned over efforts to make the action of this government appear as directed against the Entente Allies and in favor of the Central Powers. They do not think it necessary, however, to make any further explanations, believing that ultimately both sides will come to realize the true purpose.

While awaiting the reply of the Entente Allies to the President's note, the State Department is keeping in touch with official sentiment both among the Entente Allies and the Central Powers.

Not Seek to Force Peace

As soon as the reply of the Entente is received President Wilson is expected to address another communication to both sides making clear his position, and probably clearing up some misconceptions which he feels have developed. It may be stated that he will not seek to force peace on either side, but will continue to insist that the rights of the United States be thoroughly respected.

In connection with the admittedly serious concern with which the administration looks upon the submarine question, much attention was paid by officials to press despatches from Berlin stating that a semi-official news agency there had given out the information that the reply of the Entente allies was generally looked upon as a "flat refusal" of the peace proposals of Germany and her allies, adding that "this is especially regretted for the sake of the neutral countries suffering from the consequences of the war."

AGREE ON DRAFT OF REPLY TO THE PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Paris, Jan. 1.—The reply of the Entente Allies to the pacific note of President Wilson will follow the same course as the answer to the Central Powers. Great Britain and France already have agreed on the draft which has been submitted to the other members of the Entente and on their approval will be handed to the American ambassador, William G. Sharp, in Paris.

The original draft, like the reply to the Central Powers, will be written by the French authorities after consulation with the Allies of France.

MAY ANSWER THE REPLY OF ALLIES

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strong and prosperous and we want to consolidate for all time the alliance which this war has cemented, for upon its maintenance depends the future peace of the world. That is the cornerstone of our policy."

Sir George, in the course of his speech, said that Great Britain during the war had advanced more than 600,000,000 pounds sterling to her allies for the purchase of war material which otherwise they would have been unable to procure.

St. George Bermuda, Jan. 1.—The new channel leading into St. George harbor was formally opened today by the governor who was attended by his staff, the members of the legislature, the heads of the naval, military and civil department, and the members of the corporation of Hamilton. The day was observed as a general holiday throughout the colony.

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 1.—No trace had been found tonight of the robbers who early this morning, blew the safe in the Saltville, Va., postoffice and made off with about $1,000 in cash and stamps. The robbers used an automobile in making their escape.,

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 1. — The Sixtieth general assembly of Tennessee began its biennial session here today, organization being completed with the election of W. R. Crabtree, of Chattanooga, as speaker of the senate, and Clyde Shropshire, of Nashville, speaker of the house.

London, Jan. 1.—It is officially announced that Earl Granville, counsellor of the British embassy in Paris, has been appointed representative of the British government to the provisional government of Eliptherios Venizelos at Saloniki, with the title of diplomatic agent.

MANY BRITISHERS HAVE AN EVENTFUL NEW YEAR'S DAY

London, Jan. 1.—New Year's day was eventful in the lives of many Britishers. Thousands of men of military age who had been granted temporary or other arrangements for the carrying on of their business, were called to the colors while others who had been doing work of national importance, whose places have now been taken by women or by men over the military age, donned khaki for the first time.

There was a rush at all the recruiting offices and all day long columns of men, after having complied with the formalities were marched off to the depots to commence training.

The new railroad time tables and fares also came into effect. Numerous trains were cancelled, stations were closed and travelers were called upon to pay a 50 per cent increase in fares.

Except in Scotland, where there is another week's supply of white flour, bakers today under the new order of things started to bake exclusively whole wheat or standard bread.

NO MORE REFUGEES TO BE ALLOWED IN CITY OF MOSCOW

Berlin, Jan. 1, (via Sayville)—The military commander of Moscow has closed that city to refugees, says the Overseas News Agency, which adds that the city is crowded with people from Rumania, Odessa and all parts of southern Russia. Rumanian refugees, the agency says, will, in the future be sent to Siberia.

GERMANY IS MAKING HUGE PREPARATIONS FOR BATTLES OF 1917

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the present have tangible results. There is considerable discussion regarding Germany's probable plans in case of an expected positive refusal of the Entente powers to enter upon a conference.

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